## INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

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# **25 MP Direct Operated Pressure Regulator**

## Safety Information

Safe operation of these products can only be guaranteed if they are properly installed, commissioned, used and maintained by qualified personnel (see Section 1.11) in compliance with the operating instructions. General installation and safety instructions for pipeline and plant construction, as well as the proper use of tools and safety equipment must also be complied with.

## 1.1 Intended use

Referring to the Installation and Maintenance Instructions, name-plate and Technical Information Sheet, check that the product is suitable for the intended use/application.

- i) The products have been specifically designed for use on steam, air or water/condensate. The products' use on other fluids may be possible but, if this is contemplated, Spirax Sarco should be contacted to confirm the suitability of the product for the application being considered.
- ii) Check material suitability, pressure and temperature and their maximum and minimum values. If the maximum operating limits of the product are lower than those of the system in which it is being fitted, or if malfunction of the product could result in a dangerous overpressure or overtemperature occurrence, ensure a safety device is included in the system to prevent such over-limit situations.
- iii) Determine the correct installation situation and direction of fluid flow.
- iv) Spirax Sarco products are not intended to withstand external stresses that may be induced by any system to which they are fitted. It is the responsibility of the installer to consider these stresses and take adequate precautions to minimise them.
- v) Remove protection covers from all connections and protective film from all name-plates, where appropriate, before installation on steam or other high temperature applications.

## 1.2 Access

Ensure safe access and if necessary a safe working platform (suitably guarded) before attempting to work on the product. Arrange suitable lifting gear if required.

## 1.3 Lighting

Ensure adequate lighting, particularly where detailed or intricate work is required.

**1.4 Hazardous liquids or gases in the pipeline** Consider what is in the pipeline or what may have been in the pipeline at some previous time. Consider: flammable materials, substances hazardous to health, extremes of temperature.

## 1.5 Hazardous environment around the product

Consider: explosion risk areas, lack of oxygen (e.g. tanks, pits), dangerous gases, extremes of temperature, hot surfaces, fire hazard (e.g. during welding), excessive noise, moving machinery.

## 1.6 The system

Consider the effect on the complete system of the work proposed. Will any proposed action (e.g. closing isolation valves, electrical isolation) put any other part of the system or any personnel at risk?

Dangers might include isolation of vents or protective devices or the rendering ineffective of controls or alarms. Ensure isolation valves are turned on and off in a gradual way to avoid system shocks.

## 1.7 Pressure systems

Ensure that any pressure is isolated and safely vented to atmospheric pressure. Consider double isolation (double block and bleed) and the locking or labelling of closed valves. Do not assume that the system has depressurised even when the pressure gauge indicates zero.

## **1.8 Temperature**

Allow time for temperature to normalise after isolation to avoid danger of burns.

## 1.9 Tools and consumables

Before starting work ensure that you have suitable tools and/or consumables available. Use only genuine Spirax Sarco replacement parts.

## **1.10 Protective clothing**

Consider whether you and/or others in the vicinity require any protective clothing to protect against the hazards of, for example, chemicals, high/low temperature, radiation, noise, falling objects, and dangers to eyes and face.

## 1.11 Permits to work

All work must be carried out or be supervised by a suitably competent person. Installation and operating personnel should be trained in the correct use of the product according to the Installation and Maintenance Instructions.

Where a formal 'permit to work' system is in force it must be complied with. Where there is no such system, it is recommended that a responsible person should know what work is going on and, where necessary, arrange to have an assistant whose primary responsibility is safety.

Post 'warning notices' if necessary.

## 1.12 Handling

Manual handling of large and/or heavy products may present a risk of injury. Lifting, pushing, pulling, carrying or supporting a load by bodily force can cause injury particularly to the back. You are advised to assess the risks taking into account the task, the individual, the load and the working environment and use the appropriate handling method depending on the circumstances of the work being done.

## 1.13 Residual hazards

In normal use the external surface of the product may be very hot. If used at the maximum permitted operating conditions the surface temperature of some products may reach temperatures in excess of 300°C (572°F).

Many products are not self-draining. Take due care when dismantling or removing the product from an installation (refer to 'Maintenance instructions').

## 1.14 Freezing

Provision must be made to protect products which are not self-draining against frost damage in environments where they may be exposed to temperatures below freezing point.

## 1.15 Disposal

Unless otherwise stated in the Installation and Maintenance Instructions, this product is recyclable and no ecological hazard is anticipated with its disposal providing due care is taken.

## 1.16 Returning products

Customers and stockists are reminded that under EC Health, Safety and Environment Law, when returning products to Spirax Sarco they must provide information on any hazards and the precautions to be taken due to contamination residues or mechanical damage which may present a health, safety or environmental risk. This information must be provided in writing including Health and Safety data sheets relating to any substances identified as hazardous or potentially hazardous.

# 1.17 Working safely with cast iron products on steam

Cast iron products are commonly found on steam and condensate systems. If installed correctly using good steam engineering practices, it is perfectly safe. However, because of its mechanical properties, it is less forgiving compared to other materials such as SG iron or carbon steel. The following are the good engineering practices required to prevent waterhammer and ensure safe working conditions on a steam system.

## Safe Handling

Cast Iron is a brittle material. If the product is dropped during installation and there is any risk of damage the product should not be used unless it is fully inspected and pressure tested by the manufacturer.



#### **Prevention of water hammer** Steam trapping on steam mains:

Steam - Condensate

## Steam Mains - Do's and Dont's:



## Prevention of tensile stressing

Pipe misalignment:

Installing products or re-assembling after maintenance:



Do not over tighten. Use correct torque figures.





Flange bolts should be gradually tightened across diameters to ensure even load and alignment.



# Installation

The 25 MP is best installed in a horizontal line with the adjustment screw at the top. A strainer before the valve will protect it from line dirt. Fit the strainer on its side and ensure adequate clearance for screen removal. Use fullway pattern isolating valves and piping of adequate size to carry the steam flow. A downstream pressure sensing connection must be made to the port on the lower diaphragm housing as shown. Copper tubing 5/16" O.D. is preferred, with a 1/4" steel pipe as an alternative.

The 25 MP control will give long, trouble free service when correctly installed and kept reasonably free from dirt or other foreign matter. These mostly collect during installation. Avoid later troubles by inspecting the installation a few days after commissioning.

- 1. Clean all pipeline strainers (remove screens to clean).
- 2. Check the valve seat.
- 3. Check all joints for tightness.

**Caution:** Before installation or any maintenance is performed, insure that all steam lines are closed to prevent injury.

# Start-up

- 1. First make certain that all stop valves are closed.
- 2. Loosen locknut. Remove pilot spring cover, then turn the pressure pilot adjustment (5) counterclockwise until spring is slack. Make certain spring remains in vertical position and centered in its retainers.
- 3. Open stop valves in the following order:
  - a. Open stop valve ahead of steam trap on steam supply line. This will insure condensate-free steam at the regulator inlet when put into operation.
  - b. Isolate pressure sensing line.
  - c. Slowly open inlet stop valve.
- Slowly adjust pilot by turning the pressure adjustment bolt (5) clockwise until reduced pressure required is indicated on pressure gauge downstream of valve.
- 5. Slowly open downstream stop valve.
- 6. Once the system has stabilized, it



my be necessary to make a pressure readjustment. Repeat procedure 4 if required. Replace spring cover, then tighten adjustment locknut.

 IMPORTANT - Retighten flange connection to body to ensure steam tight joints, after 24 hours operation. Torque 20 lb/ft.



# **Maintenance and Repair**

The pressure control spring is replaceable by removing the aluminum cover and turning the adjustment (5) counterclockwise. After fitting new spring, insure that spring support discs are properly located and the adjustment (5) is entered in the center hole of the support disc. Valve assembly is supplied as a set. A new gasket supplied with each set should be fitted to insure a steam tight seal. Insure gasket faces are clean and free from deposits before refitting.

Stem guide and gasket set are replaceable after removing the upper housing, first remove the control spring as described above. To obtain access to the stem guide, removal of the diaphragm is necessary. The diaphragm is sandwiched between the upper and lower housing to provide a flexible seal. Since it forms a pressurized steam joint, replacement of the diaphragm is recommended if this joint is broken.



## **Spare Parts**

Available Spare	Part No.
Cover Plate with Retaining Ring	A4, B4
Adjustment Screw with nut and, upper and lower spring support disc	G4, H4, J4
Adjustment Spring (specify range)	K4
Diaphragm Assembly	L4
Stem Guide with Gasket	M4, N4
Head and Seat Assembly with Gasket	S4, T4
Square Gasket	W
Pilot Screws and Gasket	B, W

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