



Before any work is carried out on the valve ensure that the valve is totally isolated from any pressure in the pipeline. Do not attempt to strip valve without first relaxing the compression on the spring.

Operation

Each valve is preset to the required reduced pressure before leaving the factory. Small alterations to the reduced pressure can be made by adjusting the spring (18) setting by use of the adjusting screw (20). Large alterations may require a new spring – check with Auld.

The high pressure fluid enters the valve by the inlet branch and acts between the valve plug and piston, which being of equal area are therefore in equilibrium. Being preset, the fluid passes at a reduced pressure through the valve to the outlet side and also down the leg through the hollow screw into the space between the diaphragm and cup. The cup and valve are assembled as a unit through the spindle, the diaphragm providing a frictionless tight seal between the fixed and moving parts at the bottom of the valve.

Should the pressure rise above requirements, its action on the top of the valve and on the cup reduces the valve opening until the pressure returns to normal with the valve in equilibrium. When the outlet pressure falls, the spring overcomes the force holding the valve assembly down and raises it to pass more fluid, thus the pressure remains constant.

Installation

When used on steam the Quitetite reducing valve must be installed in a horizontal pipeline and the body of the valve be in a vertical position with the spring and adjusting screw below the pipeline. This is necessary as a column of water is formed in the down leg to the diaphragm chamber to protect the diaphragm from the heat.

Ideally the valve should be placed high in the pipeline and the system adequately drained immediately before and after. If this is not done the valve and seat will not remain tight owing to the erosive effect of water and dirt particles passing between the valve and valve seat.

Before installing the valve, the pipes should be blown through thoroughly to remove all scale, jointing and dirt.

Maintenance

Ensure that the valve is isolated from pressure and then slacken and remove spring (18). The cup bolts and nuts (25 & 26) may now be removed. Remove the boss nut (17) and spring washer (16) and lift off the cup (4). The inner ring (3) and diaphragm (15) are now exposed. The inner ring screws (23) and hollow screw (24) should now be removed, noting the position where the hollow screw is, and remove the inner ring. The diaphragm can now be stripped off and clean off any traces of rubber adhering to any metal faces.

The spindle assembly can now be withdrawn upwards through the valve body (1) by removing the top cover (30). The valve body should now be carefully cleaned out, ensuring that the balance port on the low pressure side of the valve is clear and the valve lid and seat (6) reground (if metal face fitted) or the soft valve face (8) inspected for damage and replaced if necessary.

Re-insert the spindle assembly into the valve body and temporarily clamp a spacer between the top cover and the top of the spindle assembly to hold the valve in the closed position – note that this should not be too tight. Now check with a straight edge that the bottom face of the washer (14) is flush with the bottom face of the valve body. This ensures that the diaphragm is completely flat when the valve is closed. If it

is not flush then loosen off ferrule (13) and then adjust the washer until it is so. Tighten up ferrule against the washer to lock it in position.

Place the outer ring (4) over flange on bottom of valve body and then carefully punch holes to correspond with the positions of the screws holding the inner ring to the diaphragm and the centre hole. Pass the new diaphragm over the end of the spindle (12) and screw it up until it butts against the washer. The temporary spacer can now be removed and the spindle assembly rotated to line up the diaphragm holes with tapped holes in the bottom face of the valve body. Now insert the inner ring screws and hollow screw through the inner ring and diaphragm and tighten to body. Ensure that the diaphragm is still tight against the washer – if not the spindle can be rotated to bring the diaphragm into contact with it.

Outer ring and cup can now be bolted together – note that these bolts and nuts should not be over tightened, slightly more than finger tight should do. Replace the spring washer and boss nut on the end of the spindle and replace spring and spring cap (19).

Setting

Allow some flow through the valve and then the reduced pressure can be controlled by adjusting the compression of the spring by means of the adjusting screw (20) – turning the screw clockwise will increase the downstream reduced pressure, anti-clockwise will reduce it.

Once the desired pressure has been achieved, lock the adjusting screw in position with the locknut (21).