STAINLESS STEEL, WATERBASE COMPATIBLE
Back Pressure Valve

Used in circulating systems to provide regulated back pressure to the spray gun(s) and to maintain proper circulating pressure throughout the system. For professional use only.

Model 208997, Series E
Stainless Steel Back Pressure Valve

Model 903508, Series A
Stainless Steel Back Pressure Valve with a Fluid Dampener Pressure Gauge

300 psi (2.1 MPa, 21 bar) Maximum Inlet Pressure
200 psi (1.4 MPa, 14 bar) Maximum Regulated Pressure

Important Safety Instructions
Read all warnings and instructions in this manual. Save these instructions.

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Warnings

**WARNING**

**EQUIPMENT MISUSE HAZARD**

Equipment misuse can cause the equipment to rupture or malfunction and result in serious injury.

- This equipment is for professional use only.
- Read all instruction manuals, tags, and labels before operating the equipment.
- Use the equipment only for its intended purpose. If you are not sure, call your Graco distributor.
- Do not alter or modify this equipment.
- Check equipment daily. Repair or replace worn or damaged parts immediately.
- Do not exceed the maximum inlet pressure of the lowest rated system component. The maximum inlet pressure of this equipment is 300 psi (2.1 MPa, 21 bar).
- Follow the **Pressure Relief Procedure** on page 4 if the spray tip clogs and before cleaning, checking or servicing the equipment.
- Do not stop or deflect leaks with your hand, body, glove or rag.
- Be sure all equipment safety devices are operating properly before each use.
- Use fluids and solvents which are compatible with the equipment wetted parts. Refer to the **Technical Data** section of all equipment manuals. Read the fluid and solvent manufacturer’s warnings.
- Always wear protective eyewear, gloves, clothing and respirator as recommended by the fluid and solvent manufacturer.
- Wear hearing protection when operating this equipment.
- Comply with all applicable local, state, and national fire, electrical, and safety regulations.
Installation

KEY
A Fluid supply line
B Air spray gun
C Fluid pressure regulator
D Air supply line
E Adjusting screw
F Back pressure valve
G Fluid return line

Fig. 1

NOTICE
Handle the back pressure valve with care to avoid damaging the diaphragm.

Installing the Back Pressure Valve

Install the back pressure valve in the spray gun return line. See Fig. 1.

Operation

NOTE: The back pressure valve controls pressure ahead of its intake.

Turn the adjusting screw clockwise to increase pressure and counterclockwise to decrease pressure.

Connect the line to the 1-1/4 in. npt(f) inlet and outlet. Make sure the flow direction agrees with the IN and OUT markings on the valve body.

The back pressure valve is adjustable to control the fluid pressures in a circulating system from 5 to 200 psi (0.035 to 1.4 MPa, 0.35 to 14 bar).

If more than one spray station is used, install the back pressure valve in the fluid supply line after the last station. This will help maintain proper circulating pressures in the system.

Adjust the pump pressure and back pressure valve for the best spraying combination and for proper circulation of fluid.

Flush the back pressure valve with a compatible solvent whenever the rest of the system or unit is being flushed. Open the back pressure valve before flushing by turning the screw counterclockwise.
Service

Pressure Relief Procedure

**WARNING**

**PRESSURIZED EQUIPMENT HAZARD**

The system pressure must be manually relieved to prevent the system from starting or spraying accidentally. To reduce the risk of an injury from accidental spray from the gun, splashing fluid, or moving parts, follow the **Pressure Relief Procedure** whenever you

- Are instructed to relieve the pressure
- Stop spraying
- Check or service any of the system equipment
- Install or clean the spray nozzle

1. Shut off the pump.
2. Open the dispensing valve, if used.
3. Open the fluid drain valve to relieve all fluid pressure, having a container ready to catch the drainage.

**Service Procedure**

**NOTE:** Regular cleaning and inspection of the valve, based upon the degree and kind of service, is essential.

1. Shut off the pump and open the back pressure valve by turning the adjusting screw (13) **counterclockwise** until no spring pressure is felt. Relieve all air and fluid pressures in the system.
2. Remove the back pressure valve from the fluid line.
3. Disassemble the valve and clean it with a suitable solvent. See the parts drawing, page 5.
4. Carefully inspect the diaphragm (12) for cracks or other damage. Replace if necessary.
5. Check for chips or dirt that could puncture the membrane or diaphragm before assembling the valve.
6. Check if the gasket (17) needs to be replaced.
7. Lubricate the threads of the diaphragm retainer (11).
8. Install the diaphragm parts onto the valve housing (15). Torque the retaining nut (20) to 10 to 12 ft-lb (13.5 to 16 N-m).
9. Carefully inspect the seat (10) for damage, wear, or dirt. These things could cause the regulated pressure to creep. Replace the seat if necessary.
10. Replace the seat gasket (14) when replacing the seat (10). Torque the seat to 15 to 20 ft-lb (21 to 27 N-m).
11. To remove or install the gauge (8), use the wrench on the square portion of the gauge stud only.
12. Lubricate both sides of the spring plate (7) and spring (5) with lithium-base grease.
13. Lubricate the adjusting screw threads.
14. Assemble the remaining parts.
15. Tighten the regulator cap screws (1) finger-tight, then torque them to 120 to 130 in-lb (13.6 to 14.7 N-m) in a criss-cross pattern. See the TOP VIEW in the parts drawing.
16. Install the back pressure valve back in the fluid line.

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**NOTICE**

Use thread sealer sparingly on the gauge’s male threads when installing it to avoid plugging the gauge.
Parts

See TOP VIEW
Torque to 10–12 ft-lb (13.5–16 N-m)
PTEF side down
Torque to 15–20 ft-lb (21–27 N-m)

Apply anaerobic pipe sealant to threads
Apply lithium-base grease
Lubricate threads

Model 208997, Series E (Includes items marked with +)
Model 903508, Series A (Includes items marked with *)

Ref. No. | Part No. | Description | Qty.
---|---|---|---
1+* | 101682 | SCREW, soc hd cap; 1/4–20 x 5/8 | 6
3+* | 111697 | PLUG, sq hd pipe; 1/4 npt | 1
5+* | 104144 | SPRING, compression | 1
7+* | 160033 | PLATE, spring | 1
8+ | 187873 | GAUGE, 0 to 200 psi (0 to 1.4 MPa, 0 to 14 bar) | 1
8* | 208855 | GAUGE, fluid pressure dampener | 1
10+* | 188006 | SEAT, stainless steel | 1
11+* | 188512 | RETAINER, diaphragm, stainless steel | 1
12+* | 172193 | DIAPHRAGM | 1
13+* | 186872 | SCREW, adjusting | 1
14+* | 171117 | GASKET, acetal copolymer | 1
15+* | 187878 | HOUSING | 1
16+ | 164864 | PLATE, diaphragm | 1
17+* | 171912 | GASKET, cellulose fibre | 1
18+* | 171913 | GASKET, cellulose fibre | 1
19+* | 209027 | CAP | 1
20+* | 160791 | NUT, diaphragm | 1
22+* | 157277 | O-RING, Thiokol® | 1
27* | 501918 | FITTING, bushing, pipe (loose) | 1
28* | 156971 | FITTING, nipple, short (loose) | 1

NOTE: Keep items 8, 10, 12, 14, 17, and 18 on hand to reduce down time.
Dimensions

7.25 in. (184 mm)

4 in. (102 mm) diameter

1-1/4 npt(f) inlet and outlet
## Technical Specifications

**Stainless Steel, Waterbase Compatible Back Pressure Valve**

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  - Alberta – 0C4155.2
  - Ontario – 0C4784.5

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