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

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

Model 916154
Stainless Steel Back Pressure Valve,
with carbide wear parts, for use with abrasive fluids

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EQUIPMENT MISUSE HAZARD

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

- This equipment is for professional use only.
- Read all instruction manuals, warnings, tags, and labels before operating the equipment.
- Use the equipment only for its intended purpose. If you are uncertain about usage, call your Graco distributor.
- Do not alter or modify this equipment. Use only genuine Graco parts and accessories.
- Check the equipment daily. Repair or replace worn or damaged parts immediately.
- Do not exceed the maximum working pressure of the lowest rated system component. The maximum inlet pressure of this equipment is 300 psi (2.1 MPa, 21 bar). See the Technical Data on page 7.
- Follow the Pressure Relief Procedure on page 4 if the spray tip clogs and before cleaning, checking or servicing the equipment.
- Route hoses away from traffic areas, sharp edges, moving parts, and hot surfaces.
- Do not expose Graco standard hoses to temperatures above 180°F (82°C) or below –40°F (–40°C).
- Do not use the hoses to pull the equipment.
- Use only fluids and solvents that are compatible with the equipment wetted parts. See the Technical Data sections of all the equipment manuals. Read the fluid manufacturer’s warnings.
- Always wear protective eyewear, gloves, clothing, and respirator as recommended by the fluid and solvent manufacturers.
- Wear hearing protection when operating this equipment.
- Comply with all applicable local, state and national fire, electrical, and other 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**

![Diagram of installation](image)

**CAUTION**

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.

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*.

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 (0.3 to 14 bar, 0.03 to 1.4 MPa).

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.
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,
- or 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) counter-clockwise 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.

⚠️ CAUTION
Use thread sealer sparingly on the gauge's male threads when installing it to avoid plugging the gauge.

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.
Parts

See TOP VIEW
Torque screws (1) to 120–130 in-lb (13.6–14.7 N-m) in order shown

Model 916154
Stainless Steel Back Pressure Valve
Includes items 1 to 22

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
10 616439 SEAT, stainless steel & tungsten carbide 1
11 616440 RETAINER, diaphragm, stainless steel & tungsten carbide 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 160741 NUT, retaining 1
21 160742 PELLET, nylon 1
22 157277 O-RING, Thiokol® 1

8 These parts are included in Repair Kit 916139, which may be purchased separately.

Keep these spare parts on hand to reduce down time.

TOR VIEW

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

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

These parts are included in Repair Kit 916139, which may be purchased separately.

Keep these spare parts on hand to reduce down time.
Dimensions

- 7.25 in. (184 mm) height
- 4 in. (102 mm) diameter
- 1-1/4 npt(f) inlet and outlet
Technical Data

Maximum inlet pressure ........................................ 300 psi (21 bar, 2.1 MPa)
Regulated pressure range .................................... 5 to 200 psi (0.3 to 14 bar, 0.03 to 1.4 MPa)
Inlet and outlet size ........................................... 1-1/4 npt(f)
Gauge port size ................................................ 1/4 npt(f)
Wetted parts ..................................................... 304 & 316 stainless steel, tungsten carbide, celcon

Diaphragm: nylon fabric base, with impregnated buna-N, and material side is PTFE coated

Weight .......................................................... 8.5 lb (3.9 kg)

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