



Operating and Maintenance Instructions

MANUALLY OPERATED SLIDE VALVES TYPE SM/OM

Britton Procol Valves

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HEALTH & SAFETY NOTES

This partly completed machine requires to be installed with corresponding equipment to enable correct operation and must not be run as a standalone piece of machinery and must be properly installed and guarded by a suitably qualified and experienced personnel only.

The valve contains moving parts which can cause injuries. It is the responsibility of the system installer and user to ensure the safe installation and operation of the valve. The valve must be adequately guarded in compliance with local Health and Safety Regulations. The motor must be isolated before any maintenance or adjustment is carried out. Do not operate the valve with the link guard or access hatches removed. Only competent persons must be allowed to maintain the valve.

It is the purchaser's responsibility to ensure that these health and safety instructions are passed to those persons deemed to be at risk.

Only qualified or approved personnel should undertake the installation, commissioning and maintenance of Britton Procol slide valves.

Health and Safety aspects cannot be over-emphasised. The following notes highlight the major precautionary steps which must be adhered to.

In the interest of Health and Safety at Work it is essential that, before installation, all aspects relating to installation, mounting position, support and all other related matters should be thoroughly investigated. Technical details relating to this equipment are either shown in the relevant leaflets or are freely available on demand from our technical department. If further advice is required, do not hesitate to contact us.

CHECK LIST BEFORE RUNNING

- 1) Observe fully all slide valve operating and safety leaflets supplied with the slide valve.
- 2) Ensure that the valve inlet and outlet are protected by the feed and discharge ducting or other equipment so that it is impossible for operatives or maintenance personnel to insert fingers, hands or any part of their bodies into the slide valve.
- 3) Where the valve outlet is not connected to other

equipment or ducting a mesh grille must be securely fastened to the exposed flange. The grille should be sufficiently small to prevent the insertion of fingers.

VALVE SPECIFICATION

Britton Procol Slide Valves are designed to metric standards and all fasteners or threads are metric.

Body: Machined LM25 cast aluminium or 316 stainless steel.

Slide Plate: Stainless steel.

Plate Supports: Individually adjustable moulded nylon 66 slide plate supports (type SM) or support wear-strips (type OM).

Actuation: Manual operation by a nylon 66 push pull handle.

Finish: Self colour finish.

All units are works tested prior to despatch and are ready for installation.

It is important that if the valve is to be stored before installation adequate precautions should be taken to prevent the formation of rust. The valve must be stored in a clean and dry environment.

OPERATION

Britton Procol manually operated slide valves are actuated by a nylon push-pull handle that pulls the slide plate out of the body to open the valve and pushes it back into the body to close.

INSTALLATION

Ensure mating flanges are flat.

A soft gasket such as rubber should be used to take up irregularities in flanges with uneven surfaces.

The slide plate is nearest the top flange of the valve.

Important: Flanges are tapped DIN PN10 as standard (ANSI 150lb to order). Securing screws should not protrude through the top flange. Do not overtighten fixing screws.

Valve must be mounted in the horizontal plane (i.e. flanges horizontal).

Valves are tested at the works, where the slide plate/insert clearance is set. If this clearance is to be adjusted to suit product size and/or type, the following procedure should be followed:

- The nuts securing the nylon supports should be slackened.
- The supports can then be adjusted to increase or decrease the clearance.
- The locknuts are then re-tightened while holding the support stationary – **do not overtighten the locknut.**
- **Note:** this procedure applies to type SM valves only; type OM valves have no adjustment.

START UP PROCEDURE

Before material is passed through the valve it should be operated several times to ensure the slide plate moves freely and travels to the fully open and fully closed positions.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Before attempting any repair or maintenance work on the slide valve obey the following rules:-

DO NOT work on the slide valve if material is over the valve. Ensure all hoppers and chutes above the valve are empty.

Never operate the valve without covers, grids and safety devices in place.

Always remove extraneous materials from around the slide valve.

MAINTENANCE

Britton Procol slide valves are designed to give a long trouble-free life and virtually no maintenance is required. However the following checks are recommended.

After 1 week's operation:

Check:

- a) Slide plate seal housing and adjust as necessary.

At 3 monthly intervals:

Adjust the seal housing as required.

At 12 monthly intervals:

- a) Inspect and replace the felt seal if required.
- b) Inspect the slide plate supports and adjust or replace as required.
- c) Inspect the slide plate for wear and replace as required.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

After prolonged periods, wear will take place and cause the slide plate/insert clearance to increase. This is reduced by adjustment as described previously.

Replacements:

- a) The slide plate supports/wear-strips can be replaced by removing the valve from position, undoing the locknut and support, and replacing.
- b) The felt seal is replaced by removing the seal housing.

FAULT FINDING

Slide valve does not operate

Check:

Slide plate not jammed.

Plate seal leaks material

Check:

Seal housing adjustment.

Felt seal needs replacing.

Slide plate badly worn.

Grinding noise during operation

Check:

Slide plate supports worn.

Material trapped beneath inlet.

SPARES

Recommended Spares:

1off Set of Slide Plate Supports
1off Felt seal.