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### Design and Placement of Compact Service Regulators with Lower Emissions

DOT PHMSA recently did a study with an objective to provide natural gas utilities with data for additional options for the safe, outside installation of service regulators and meter sets. The objective of the project is to perform research on newer "vent limiting" gas service regulators to determine safe clearance allowances and installation practices that will provide a gas utility with more options for outside installation.

Current federal and local codes, industry standards, and utility procedures all very and require a minimum clearance distance from the service regulator vent to building openings (doors and windows), vents, and possible ignition sources by state and locality. Depending on old or even new installations these safety requirements limit the ability for utilities to install new or even relocate existing indoor meters and service regulators on the outside of buildings.

However, new vent limiting service regulators are now available on the market with an overall smaller footprint with less or no clearance requirements.

## PHMSA states that Utilities have an obligation to comply with Section 114 of the PIPES Act by December 27, 2021.

The Act requires operators to update their inspection and maintenance plans to identify procedures to prevent and mitigate both vented (intentional) and fugitive (unintentional) pipeline emissions. Vented emissions can occur during repairs, maintenance, pressure relief systems, or other controlled activities.

Fugitive emissions include leaks from mains or service lines, natural gas meters, or excavation damage, as well as other accidental releases.

### The big question is are utilities enforcing this act?????

### 3 FOOT ABNORMAL OPERATING CONDITIONS (AOC) REGULATOR INSTALLATION AND REQUIREMENTS

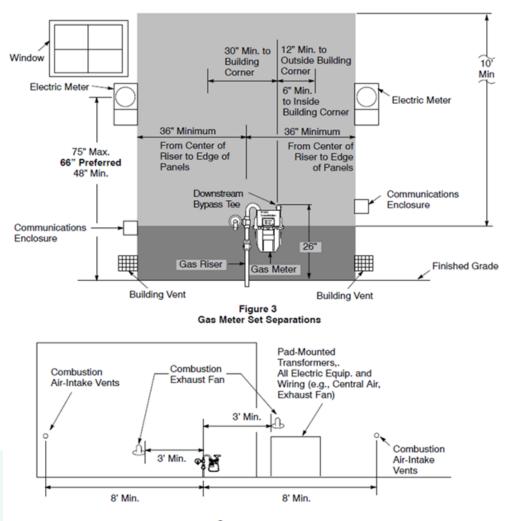
### Where did they come from?

### 3 FOOT ABNORMAL OPERATING CONDITIONS (AOC) REGULATOR INSTALLATION AND REQUIREMENTS

# DOT 192 §192.353 Customer meters and regulators: Location

- (c) Each meter installed within a building must be located in a ventilated place and not less than 3 feet (914 millimeters) from any source of ignition or any source of heat which might damage the meter.
- In 2009 the NFPA 54 changed Sec. 5.7.2.3, which now states, "there shall be a minimum of 3 feet of clearance from a door, window, or an ignition source" and a gas meter or gas regulator relief vent.

#### **Service Regulators with Lower Emissions**



Gas Regulator Set Clearance Requirement from Sources of Ignition

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Natural gas utilities prefer to install new Meter set assemblies (MSAs) outdoors, however, finding appropriate locations with sufficient clearances from building openings (doors and windows), vents, and potential ignition sources can create challenges. In addition, gas utilities are relocating existing inside MSAs (meters and/or regulators) to the outdoors.

This is not always feasible due to space constraints (especially in congested urban environments), local building codes restricting their outdoor placement, landmark / historic district restrictions, equipment security, and sensitive building designations.

### You have 2 choices today when it comes to service regulators:

First is the standard Internal Relief Valve (IRV) regulators in mind. IRV regulators have an internal relief valve that is designed to relieve the downstream gas pressure at a set spring point. The internal relief valve is designed to open and vent the excess gas pressure to the atmosphere through the regulator vent line.

Second is installing these vent limiting regulators with slam-shut features and have demonstrated a reduction in methane emissions and decreased operations and maintenance costs, thus improving system safety and performance. Several manufacturers incorporate overpressure shut-off (OPSO) and under-pressure shut-off (UPSO) systems. These regulators may also incorporate excess flow valve shut-off abilities that could be effective to stop the flow in the event of large amounts of gas escaping into a structure. These regulators have been manufactured with a vent limiter that is compliant with ANSI Z21.80/CSA 6.22 to keep the vent flow to less than 2.5 SCFH in the event of diaphragm failure.

Clearance distance requirements can vary between gas utilities and some of the MSA requirements can vary by state. Most utilities procedures currently do not differentiate between "vent-limited" regulators and traditional IRV regulators. An example is the New Hampshire and the Maine PUC both state special exceptions for clearance distances in situations when vent-limited gas service regulators are used.

| Service Regulators with Lower Emissions |                                    |                                  |                         |  |  |  |  |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| New Hampshire                           |                                    |                                  |                         |  |  |  |  |
| Reference Standard<br>/ Code            | Clearance Distance<br>Measure Used | Definition of<br>Ignition Source | Point of<br>Measurement | Additional Vent Clearance<br>Considerations  |  |  |  |
| New Hampshire<br>PUC 506.1 (n)          |                                    |                                  |                         | Utilities shall not install or operate a<br>gas regulator that could release gas<br>closer than 3 feet to a source of<br>ignition, an opening into a building, an<br>air intake into a building or any<br>electrical source not intrinsically safe,<br>as follows:<br>(1) 3-foot clearance from a source of<br>ignition shall be measured from the<br>vent or source of release (discharge<br>port), not from the physical location of<br>the meter set assembly; and<br>(2) For encroachment within the<br>required 3-foot clearance caused by<br>an action of the property owner or<br>occupant after the initial installation,<br>the encroachment shall be resolved by<br>extending the regulator vent to meet<br>this requirement within 90 days of<br>discovery" |  |  |  |

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| / Code                   | Measure Used   |   | Measurement                | Considerations   |
| Maine PUC<br>chapter 420 | At least 5 feet away from any<br>existing source of ignition.<br>3 feet horizontally or 8 feet<br>vertically from building openings<br>above vent. | Electrical meters,<br>openings into<br>direct-vent<br>appliances, or<br>mechanical<br>ventilation air<br>intakes. | Relief Vent<br>Termination | Vents on pressure regulators installed<br>after July 1, 2011, with over-pressure<br>protection that vent gas to<br>atmosphere must be at least three feet<br>horizontally, or eight feet vertically,<br>away from any existing building<br>opening above the vent, and at least<br>five feet away from any existing<br>source of ignition (e.g., electrical<br>meters, openings into direct-vent<br>(sealed combustion system)<br>appliances, or mechanical ventilation<br>air intakes). Pressure regulators that<br>utilize over-pressure shutoff (OPSO)<br>technology or otherwise effectively<br>eliminate venting gas to atmosphere<br>need not abide by the above distance<br>restrictions. |

### Maine PUC

## **REASONS FOR THE CODE?**

### As Allowed by Local Codes, Regulations and Company Policies

# THE FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF THE METER SET IN VIOLATION OF THE CODE !

# The picture below shows inadequate clearances between the gas service and electric meter.



# The electric meter is classified as an ignition source and there shall be a minimum of 3 feet of clearance between an ignition source and a gas regulator relief vent.

### **GENERATOR, WINDOW, & AC UNIT**



### **Venting of Outdoor Installations**







### **MULTIPLE PROBLEMS!**



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#### **Service Regulators with Lower Emissions**



### Historic Areas, Apartments & Condo



These types of installations have caused many problems for Utilities and cost thousands of dollars to fix including:

- 1. Relocating services.
- 2. Running expensive & unsightly vent lines.
- 3. Vent lines can affect the performance of the regulator.
- 4. Sometimes retrofitting buildings, such as condominiums and row houses provide no options for either of the above.

### **CASE STUDY TIMELINE**

- 1. Met with Washington Gas & Virginia PSC July of 2013.
- 2. Did preliminary Field & Lab tests from August to October of 2013.
- 3. Other Utilities and PSC's were involved in the background, but we preferred to work with only 1 Utility company during this period.
- 4. First Field trial was installed in December of 2013.
- 5. To date, over 1,000,000 installed in the US.

### DESIGN CRITERIA AGREED UPON BY ALL PARTIES TO SATISFY THE PSC AND EVERYONE INVOLVED

- 1. There is no US code to compare this standard to for zero clearance.
- We decided the requirement needed to meet the CSA/ANSI Z21.80a-2019 / CSA 6.22a-2019 line egulator vent limited standard is < 2.5 cu. Ft./Hr.
- 3. We felt redundant safety was important and required.
- 4. Everyone had to agree it would meet the requirements.
- 5. MOST IMPORTANT: PF wanted to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> party (CSA) certification to ensure our product met the standards.

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### What is your choice of regulator to protect your customers?

### NEW ANSI B109.4 10/2021

5.3.9 Internal Relief-Valve Performance Test

This section is only for regulators equipped with an internal relief valve. The internal relief-valve capacity for each orifice size available shall be tested as follows:

- a) Cause the regulator to fail by disconnecting the linkage between the diaphragm and valve mechanism or the most severe failure condition that yields the highest build-up pressure.
- b) Disconnect any vent piping to allow the regulator to vent the flow of gas freely and unrestricted to the atmosphere.
- c) Close the valve downstream of the regulator so that there is no flow of gas through the regulator.
- d) Note the outlet pressure while slowly increasing the inlet pressure from 0 psig to the maximum inlet pressure recommended by the manufacturer for the orifice installed. Record the outlet pressure at the maximum inlet pressure after the system reaches a steady-state condition. Refer to the Appendix A for how to display the result.

#### NEW ANSI B109.4 10/2021

### **BIG QUESTIONS?**

- 1. With the new standard present IRV curves are not accurate and Internal monitoring orifices will not work.
- 2. These regulator will relieve more gas than previously thought and methane emissions will increase.
- 3. The big question is the IRV going to keep the downstream pressure going to be below the NFPA 54 requirement of 2 psig downstream to the customer?
- 4. You need to change the orifice depending on the inlet pressure and flow and this greatly effects the IRV and regulator capacity. You also need to keep track of the orifice size!

Traditional gas service regulators Natural gas service regulators are typically installed upstream of the gas meter and have an IRV that is designed to relieve (emit gas) at a set pressure through a vent as part of normal operation to maintain a target outlet pressure for the customer.

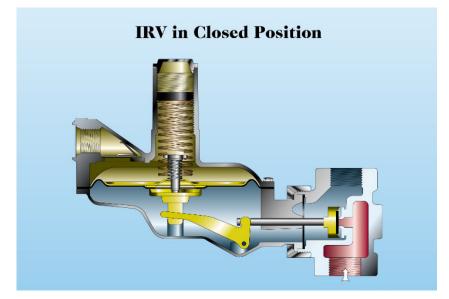
In and over pressurization event the IRV emits gas through the vent which is set by spring tension on the diaphragm. In a traditional single-stage IRV gas service regulator, excess gas pressure higher than the set points pushes past the diaphragms to be released through the outside vent.

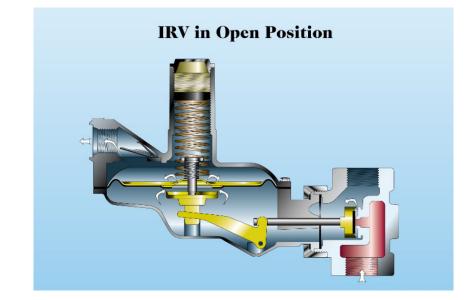
This excessive pressure can occur when gas appliances are suddenly turned off and the pressure allowed past the valve seat increases past the IRV's spring set point relieving the Gas. This then rests when the downstream pressure is satisfied below the IRV setpoint.

Tests we have done All IRV residential regulators can vent during lockup between .015 to .69 cubic feet depending on the manufacturer and model of the regulator.

Tests we have done and data from regulator manufacturers All IRV residential regulators can vent during Failure between 50 to 2,500 cubic feet depending on the manufacturer, orifice installed and model of the regulator.

### **Typical IRV Regulator**



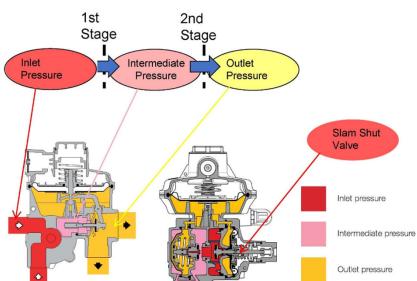


### Vent Limited regulators are built with 2 different options

#### First Vent Limited Option

#### Two Stage Regulation

- The First Stage Regulation cuts the inlet pressure to the second stage which negates upstream pressure variation and its effect on downstream.
- Token IRV
- Dual safety diaphragmn case of main diaphragm failure, the double safety diaphragm with internal vent limiter ensures a controlled leak rate. Regulator may continue to operate and have the ability to control downstream pressure
- Single Orifice Size
- Standard Over pressure shut off switch (OPSO)
- Optional Under pressure cut off switch (UPSO)
- Some models have a filter to protect the regulators inlet
- Meets MAOP up to 125 psi



### Two Stage Regulator

#### Second Vent Limited Option

- Standard IRV Regulator with Slam Shut
  - Regulator has standard IRV
  - Token IRV
  - Single diaphragm
  - Limited venting diaphragm
  - Multiple Orifice Sizes
  - Standard Over pressure shut off switch(OPSO)
  - Special limited Over pressure shut off switch(OPSO)
  - Optional under pressure cut off orifice valve (UPSO)
  - Meets MAOP depends on orifice installed

### Service Regulators with Lower Emissions



# MADE IN THE USA!



Strategically based in **Weirton (WV)** the manufacturing area is covering 30,000 sq.ft. on 32 acres property suitable for further expansion happening this year. The new plant, built from scratches to incorporate the **20 years' experience of Lean manufacturing** of the Group, operating since 2019.

### **FE REGULATOR – Main features**

- Two Stage Regulation and Balanced Valve
  - Accuracy The First Stage Regulation negates upstream pressure variation and its effect on downstream Pressure
  - Safety if a stage should fail the remaining stage acts as a monitor and limits downstream pressure

#### Dual Diaphragm

- Safety In case of main diaphragm failure, the double safety diaphragm with internal vent limiter ensures a controlled leak rate. Regulator may continue to operate and have the ability to control downstream pressure.
- Single Orifice Size
  - Meets MAOP up to 125 psi

### **FE REGULATOR Safety Shut-off**

- Over Pressure Safety Shut-off (OPSO)
  - Meets the challenges presented by Codes and Regulations as they pertain to building openings and sources of ignition
  - Provides options for new installations and relocating existing sets vs. the use of regulators with full capacity internal relief.
  - Provides Enhanced Downstream safety
  - Eliminate or reduce the cost of Venting indoor installations
  - Eliminate or reduce the cost of Venting outdoor installations

### **FE REGULATOR FEATURES**

- FE and FEX is ANSI B109.4 / CSA 6.18 certified
- Two Stage Pressure Reduction
- Fully Balanced Valve
- Internal Safety Diaphragm with Vent Limiter
- THE SAFETY DIAPHRAGM SERVES AS A VENT LIMITER, THEREFORE IN CASE OF WORKING DIAPHRGAM FAILURE IT WILL LIMIT THE VOLUME OF GAS VENTED TO LESS THAN 1 CFH. BY CONTRAST STANDARD IRV TYPE SERVICE REGULATORS MAY VENT, IN CASE OF CATASTROPHIC FAILURE, UP TO 500 TIMES MORE VOLUME OF GAS.
- Safety Shutoff Options
  - Over Pressure
  - Under Pressure
  - Excess Flow
  - Thermal shut off

### **FE REGULATOR ADVANTAGES**

- Inlet Strainer
- Single Orifice
- Token Relief Valve
- Inlet and Outlet Pressure Tap Option
- One or Two Outlets
- External Vent Limiter
- Anti-Flooding
- H2 Ready (Hydrogen blend)

### THE FE IS ANSI B109.4 / CSA 6.18 & ANSI Z21.80 -2019 APPROVED P IS A CSA-APPROVED & CERTIFIED TESTING LABORATORY & FACTORY

|   | Supplement to Certificate of Compliance |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Certificate   | : 2728532                               | Master Contract: 242437  |  |  |  |  |
| The products listed, including the latest revision described below, are<br>eligible to be marked in accordance with the referenced Certificate. |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |   | Product Certification History  |  |  |  |  |
| Project.  | Date                                    | Description  |  |  |  |  |
| 1728532   | Jun 26, 2014                            | Original Approval of FE and Dival 500 series to CSA 6.18 and ANSI B109.4.<br>Add class 3331.04 & 3331.84 |  |  |  |  |
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# FE REGULATOR RELIEF VALVE VERSIONS

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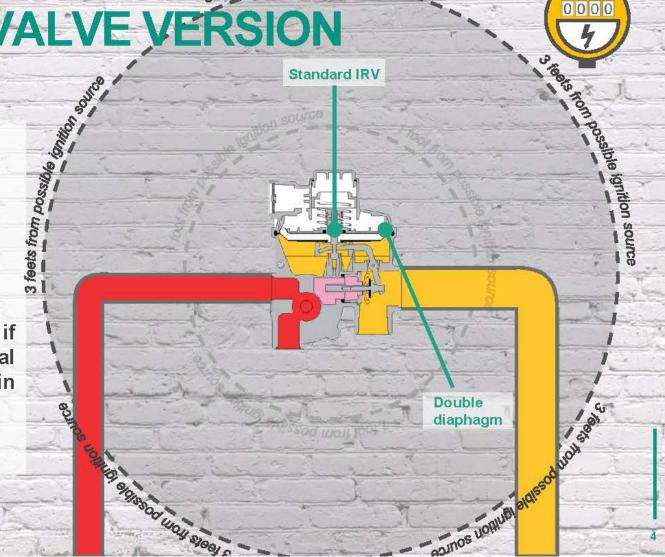
# TOKEN RELIEF VALVE VERSION

Relief valve maximum flow rate (at the OPCO intervention value):

20 scfh @ regulator set point 7" wc 45 scfh @ regulator set point 2 psi

FE regulator token relief version is designed for outdoor intsallations with 3 foot distance from potential ingnition sources

The installation is permitted only if authorized and allowed by the local codes, standards and regulations in force.



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# **CALIBRATED RELIEF VALVE VERSION**

Relief valve maximum flow rate (at the OPCO intervention value):

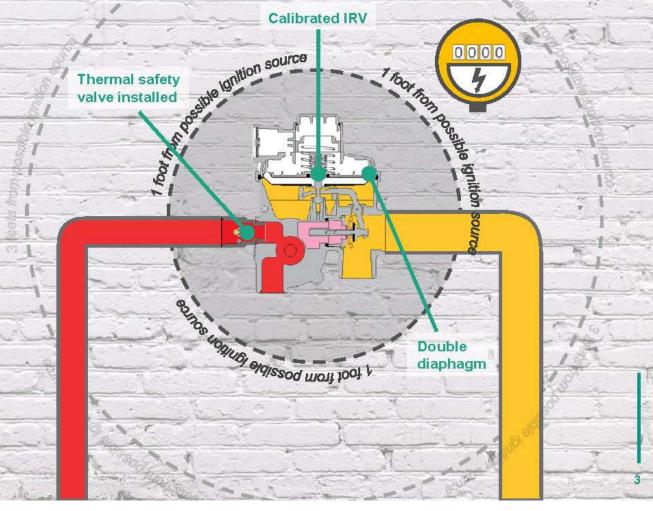
2,5 scfh @ regulator set point 7" wc 2,5 scfh @ regulator set point 2 psi

FE regulator calibrated version is designed for outdoor installations with 1 foot distance from potential ingnition sources

# The distance of 1 foot must be approved by the authority.

Increased sensitivity to downstream raising pressure (OPCO tripping) in case of momentary unsecured lock-ups with leakage greater than 1.5-2.5 scfh

Filter installed in the reg to protect the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage lock-up area



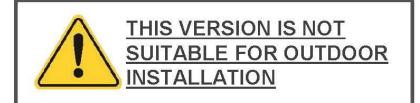
# **NR (NO RELIEF) VERSION**

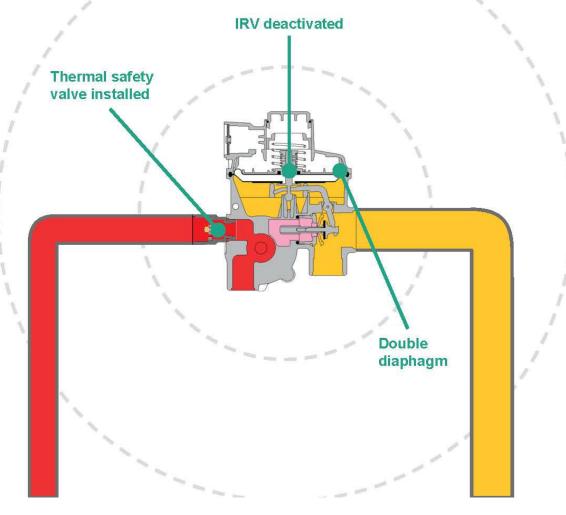
FE regulator NR version is designed for indoor installation.

Indoor installation without external vent connection is permitted only if authorized and allowed by the local codes, standards and regulations in force

This version performs the VENT LIMITING and has the following features:

- IRV is deactivated
- Thermal safety valve is installed in the inlet fitting





# **VENTING WITH FAILURE MODE**

#### BREAKING WORKING DIAPHRAGMS. (WORK SAFETY DIAPHRAGMS)

- NR (NO RELIEF) VERSION : 2.5 SCFH
- CALIBRATED RELIEF VALVE VERSION. : 2.5 SCFH
- TOKEN RELIEF VALVE VERSION : 2.5 SCFH
- LEVER DISCONNECTION.(TRIP OPSO)
- NR (NO RELIEF) VERSION :ZERO SCFH
- CALIBRATED RELIEF VALVE VERSION. : 0.0035 SCF or 0,007 SCF
- TOKEN RELIEF VALVE VERSION :0.0035 SCF or 0.007 SCF
- INTERNAL LEAKAGE (BACK PRESSURE)
- NR (NO RELIEF) VERSION : ZERO SCFH (TRIP OPSO)
- CALIBRATED RELIEF VALVE VERSION. : 2.5 SCFH (OPEN CALIBRATED RELIEF VALVE)
- TOKEN RELIEF VALVE VERSION
- : 20 SCFH or 40 SCFH (OPEN TOKEN RELIEF VALVE)



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# **FE REGULATORS CAPACITIES**

| _                                       | NOMINAL<br>CAPACITY<br>SCFH        | MINIMUM INLET PRESSURE<br>PSIG |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FE 10                                   | 353                                | 4.0                            |
| FE 25                                   | 875                                | 4.0                            |
| FES 50                                  | 1,500                              | 10.0                           |
| FEXF 50                                 | 1,500                              | 5.8                            |
| FEX 75                                  | 2,648                              | 7.5                            |
| FEXS 100                                | 3,500                              | 10.0                           |
| MAIN FEATURES                           | <b>S N</b> .                       | Pipe Size                      |
| INLET PRESSURE RANGE                    | 2.2 – 125 05                       | 3/4 x 3/4                      |
| MAX ALLOWABLE PRESSURE                  | PS 125 psi                         | 3/4 X 1                        |
| OUTLET PRESSURE RANGE                   | BP: 5.2" wc –<br>TR: 2.6 psi –     |                                |
| OVER PRESSURE SHUT-OFF SETTING<br>RANGE | G BP: 14" wc - 4<br>TR: 4.3 psi- 1 |                                |
| ACCURACY CLASS                          | up to AC5                          | 1-1/4 X 2                      |
| LOCK UP PRESSURE CLASS                  | up to SG10                         | 2 x 2                          |
| OPERATING TEMPERATURE                   | -4°F/140°F<br>-40°F/140°F          |                                |

#### NEW FE MODELS NAMES & 4 MODELS

| MODEL                                   | SCFH<br>CAPACITY                               | PSIG<br>PRESSURE           |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| FE 25                                   | 875  | 4.0                        |  |  |  |  |
| FE 50                                   | 1,500  | 10.0                       |  |  |  |  |
| FE 75                                   | 2,648  | 7.5                        |  |  |  |  |
| FE 100                                  | 3,500  | 10.0                       |  |  |  |  |
| MAIN FEATURES                           |  | Pipe Size                  |  |  |  |  |
| INLET PRESSURE RANGE                    | 2.2 – 125 psi                                  | 3/4" x 3/4"                |  |  |  |  |
| MAX ALLOWABLE PRESSURE                  | PS 125 psi                                     | 3/4" X 1"                  |  |  |  |  |
| OUTLET PRESSURE RANGE                   | BP: 5.2" wc – 2.6 psi<br>TR: 2.6 psi – 7.5 psi | 1"                         |  |  |  |  |
| OVER PRESSURE SHUT-OFF SETTING<br>RANGE |  | 1" X 1-1/4"<br>1" x 1-1/2" |  |  |  |  |
| ACCURACY CLASS                          | up to AC5 %                                    | 1-1/4" X 2"                |  |  |  |  |
| LOCK UP PRESSURE CLASS                  | up to SG10 %                                   | 2" x 2"                    |  |  |  |  |
| OPERATING TEMPERATURE                   | -4°F/140°F<br>-40°F/140°F                      |                            |  |  |  |  |
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### CAPACITY

#### Nominal CAPACITY Low Inlet Pressure White is in inches W.C. Red is in PSIG

| Nhite is in inc   | ehes W C | Red is in | - PS |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|------|
| Set point<br>7"wc | FE       | FEX       |      |
| Pu ("w.c. PSI)    | Q (SCFH) | Q (SCFH)  |      |
| 8.5               | 140      | 425       |      |
| 12                | 240      | 475       |      |
| 16                | 350      | 500       |      |
| 1.08              | 460      | 820       |      |
| 1.45              | 550      | 1,130     |      |
| 2.89              | 700      | 1,540     |      |
| 4.34              | 875      | 2,030     |      |
| 5.78              | 885      | 2,275     |      |
| 7.25              | 885      | 2,635     |      |

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# **FE REGULATOR**

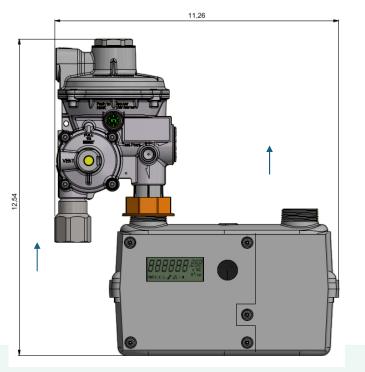


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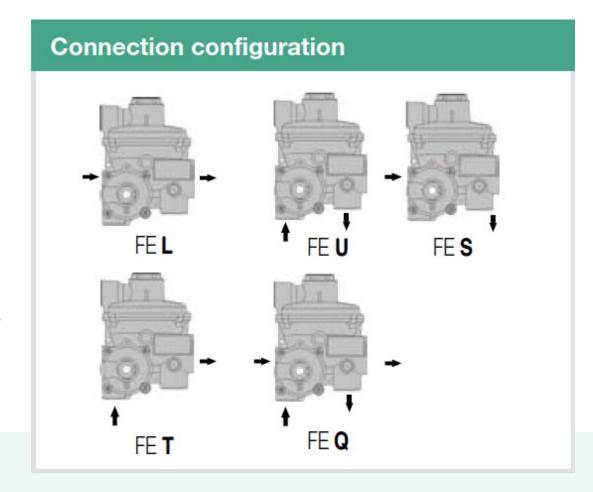
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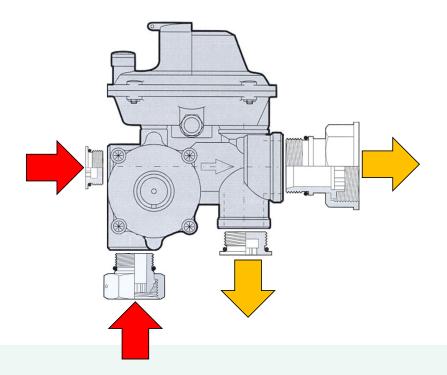




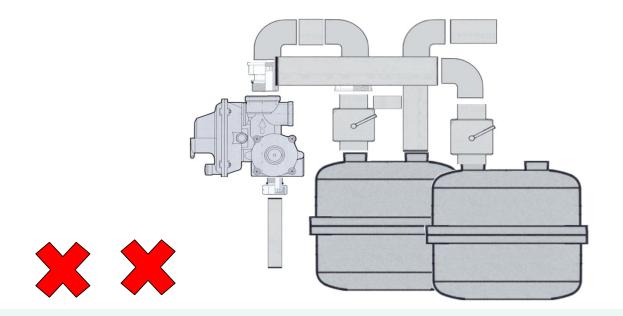
#### **Compact Meter Sets**



# **INSTALLATION**



# **Flexible Installation!**



**Service Regulators with Lower Emissions** 

# **FE FEATURES**

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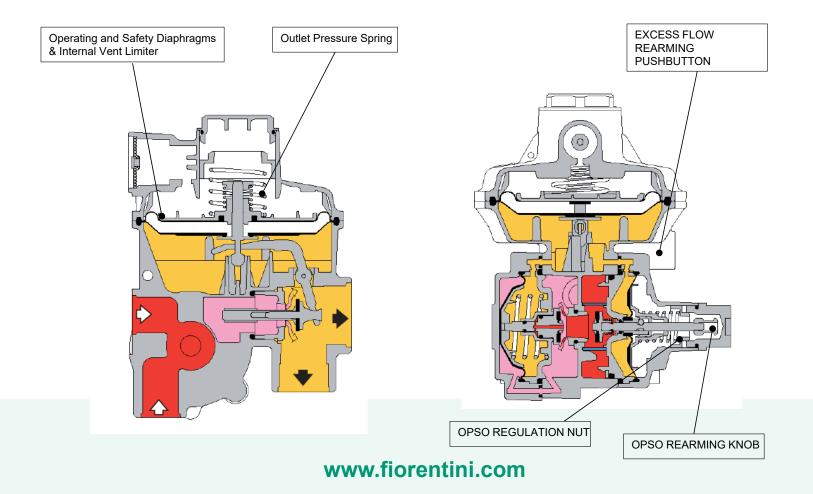
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# **INLET FILTER** TO KEEP DEBRIS OUT OF THE REGULATOR



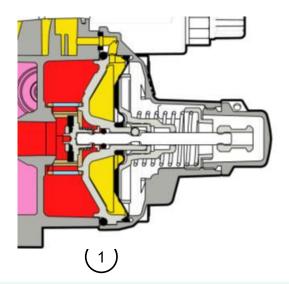
Inlet filter: area (0.775 inch<sup>2</sup>) 100 µm efficiency

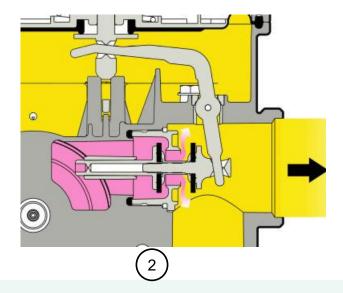
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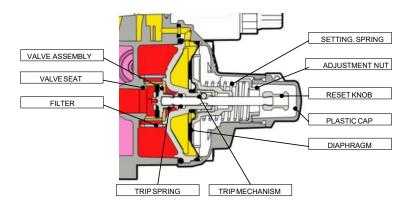
#### Service Regulators with Lower Emissions FEREGULATOR Safety Shut-off

- 1. Over Pressure Shut-Off device (OPSO)
- 2. Optional Under Pressure Shut-off (UPSO) OPTIONAL

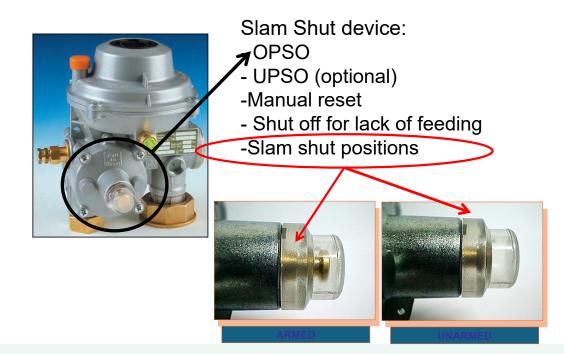




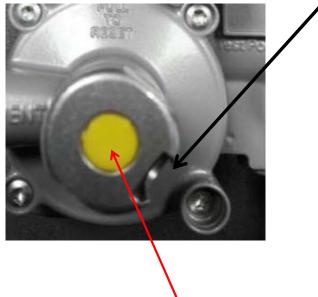
# **Overpressure slam-shut device (OPSO)**



# **SLAM SHUT FOR ULTIMATE PROTECTION**

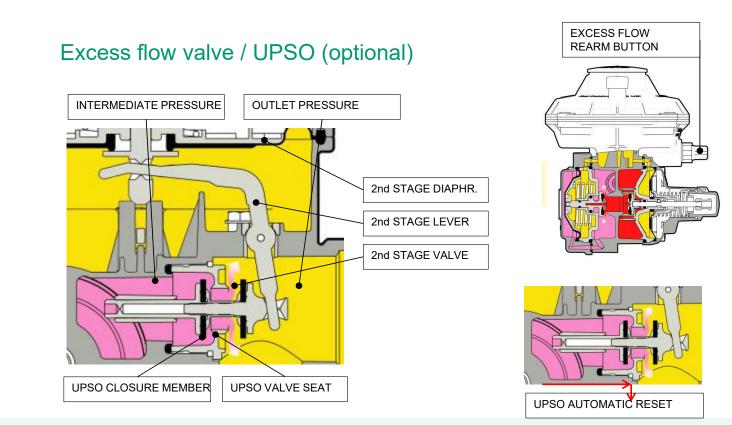


New cover has a slot to use as a tool to reset the slam shut!





Yellow cover "w.c / Red cover psig



# SAFETY DIAPHRAGMS IMPROVEMENT NEW !

FE25-50 Introduction of safety diaphragm in OPCO valve

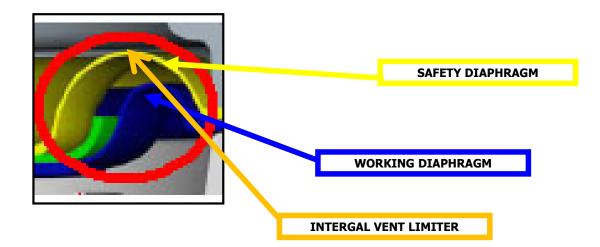
# **FE75-100** Introduction of safety diaphragm in 2 stage head Introduction of safety diaphragm in OPCO-UPCO valve

The flow for all safety diaphragms versions is < 2.5 scfh

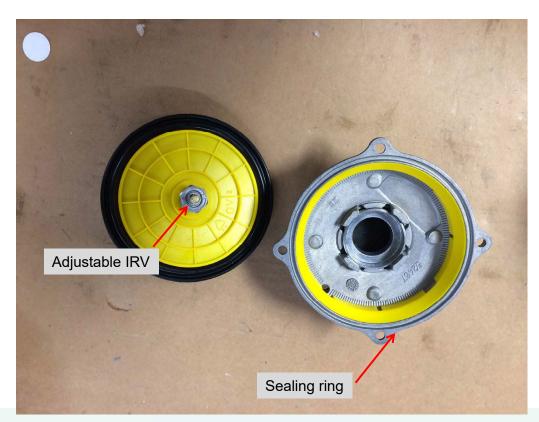
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#### ADDED SAFETY WITH DUAL DIAPHRAGM ON REGULATOR AND SLAM SHUT



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October 17th 2014

Re: FE6, FE10 & FE25 – Vent Limiting Function of the Safety Diaphragm

CSA witnessed the following test at Pietro Fiorentini.

Background: The above regulators are currently certified to CSA 6.18-02(R2008) and ANSI B109.4-1998. The below tests were performed at the request of Pietro Fiorentini to measure the safety performance of the vent limiting function during a catastrophic rupture of the working diaphragm. There is no coverage for vent limiting devices in the above standards. This letter does not imply certification, it is only meant as a statement of test and results.

- Test: 1. An FE25 was modified with an approximately 1.5 inch cut in the diaphragm. The body and diaphragm construction are identical to the FE06 and FE10. The cut was aligned with the limiting hole in the safety diaphragm to represent the worst
  - 2. A Pressure of 4 PSIG was applied to the outlet of the regulator, to bypass the first
  - stage and the pressure cut off device. 3. On application of the test pressure the flow through the safety diaphragm hole was initially measured at the equivalent of .66 cu.tt. / hr. of natural gas, this flow reduced within one second to .04 cu.Ft. / hr.

Conclusion: At an inlet pressure of 4 PSIG the maximum flow through the safety diaphragm bleed hole was initially the equivalent of .66 cu.ft. / hr. of natural gas and then reduced to .04 cu.Ft. / hr. after one second.

Regards,

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# **CSA VENT LETTER WITNESS TEST**

- 1. The FE was modified with an approximately 1.5 inch cut in the diaphragm. The cut was aligned with the limiting hole in the safety diaphragm to represent the worst possible case.
- 2. A Pressure of 4 PSIG was applied to the outlet of the regulator to bypass the first stage and the pressure cutoff device.
- 3. An application of the test pressure, the flow through the safety diaphragm hole was initially measured at the equivalent of .66 cu. ft./hr. of natural gas, this flow reduced within one second to .04 cu. ft./hr.

### **CSA VENT LETTER CONCLUSION**

At an inlet pressure of 4 PSIG the maximum flow through the safety diaphragm bleed hole vent was initially the equivalent of .66 cu.ft. / hr. of natural gas and then reduced to .04 cu.ft. / hr. after one second.

Regards, Richard Clark Richard Clark Certification Engineer CSA Group

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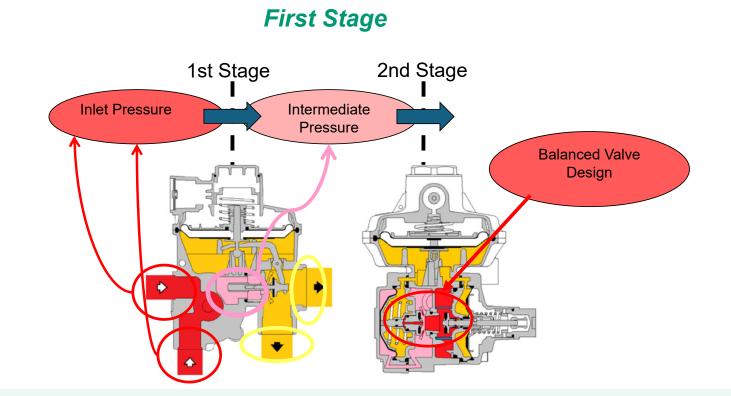
# How does the FE WORK?

#### **TWO STAGE REGULATOR**

Two-stage gas pressure regulators have two main advantages compared to single-stage regulators:

 Safety: In case of failure of the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage, the 1<sup>st</sup> stage acts as a regulator to limit the pressure at the outlet; the over pressure shut-off device is a further safety feature.

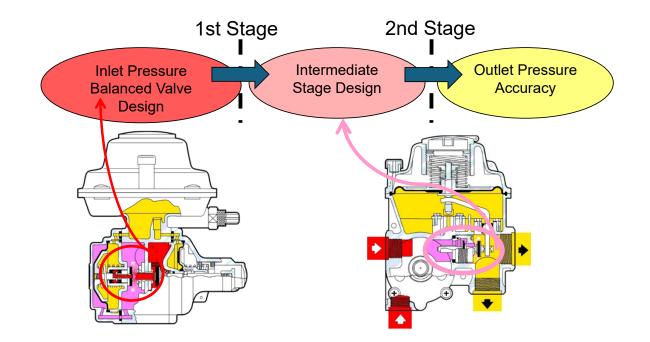
Accuracy: The <u>balanced</u> 1<sup>st</sup> stage
 regulation limits the pressure variation to the
 2<sup>nd</sup> stage, so it is possible to reach high
 accuracy of the regulated outlet pressure.



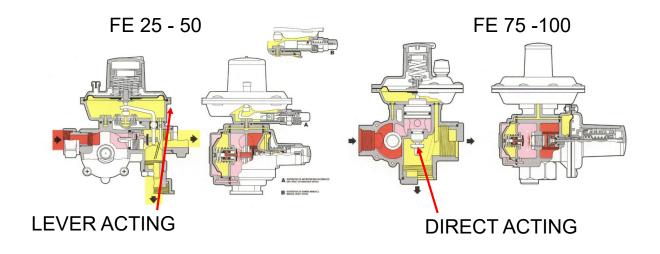
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2nd Stage

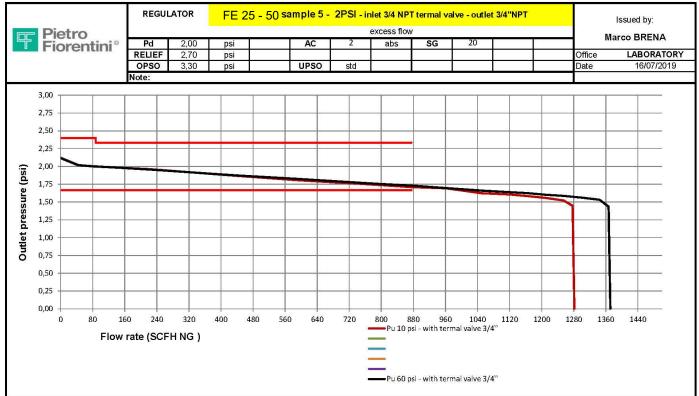
# **Equals Outlet pressure Accuracy!**



### **FE VS. FEX DIFFERENCES**



# FE 25-50 Accuracy 2 PSIG setpoint



# FE 75-100 Accuracy 2 PSIG setpoint!

FE 75 - 100 - 2PSI - inlet 1"1/4 NPT termal valve - outlet 2"NPT REGULATOR Issued by: Fiorentini® Marco BRENA Pd 2,00 AC abs SG 20 psi 2 RELIEF LABORATORY psi Office OPSO UPSO 19/06/19 8 psi psi Date 1 Note: 3,00 2,75 2,50 2,25 Outlet pressure (psi) 2,00 1,75 1,50 1,25 1,00 1000 1250 1500 1750 2000 2250 2500 2750 3000 3250 3500 3750 4000 4250 4500 4750 5000 5250 5500 0 250 500 750 Flow rate (SCFH NG ) Q=80SCFH Pu 60 psi —Pu 10 psi Pu 15 psi Pu 20 psi Pu 40 psi

## **NEW MODEL NAMES & 4 MODELS**

| MODEL                                | SCFH<br>L CAPACITY                             | PSIG<br>PRESSURE           |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| FE 25                                | 875  | 4.0                        |
| FE 50                                | 1,500  | 10.0                       |
| FE 75                                | 2,648  | 7.5                        |
| FE 100                               | 3,500  | 10.0                       |
| MAIN FEATURES                        |  | Pipe Size                  |
| INLET PRESSURE RANGE                 | 2.2 – 125 psi                                  | 3/4" x 3/4"                |
| MAX ALLOWABLE PRESSURE               | PS 125 psi                                     | 3/4" X 1"                  |
| OUTLET PRESSURE RANGE                | BP: 5.2" wc – 2.6 psi<br>TR: 2.6 psi – 7.5 psi | 1"                         |
| OVER PRESSURE SHUT-OFF SETTING RANGE | BP: 14" wc - 4,3 psi<br>TR: 4.3 psi- 11.6 psi  | 1" X 1-1/4"<br>1" x 1-1/2" |
| ACCURACY CLASS                       | up to AC5 %                                    | 1-1/4" X 2"                |
| LOCK UP PRESSURE CLASS               | up to SG10 %                                   | 2" x 2"                    |
| OPERATING TEMPERATURE                | -4°F/140°F<br>-40°F/140°F                      |                            |

## The FE is Epoxy Painted

- Standard FE: Phosphate protective Coating
- All painted products
- PREPARATION shot blasting with 800 microns diameter micro sphere steel shot
- PRIMER: Phosphate Coating
- FINAL COAT: Epoxy powmeric powder paint 356°
  F final thickness 30-40 micron
- COLOR: Grey 9006
- Exceeds the 1,000 hour salt-spray test in accordance with ASTM Method B-117, "Salt Spray (Fog) Testing." After exposure, experts examine the sample for the presence of oxides and evaluate its corrosion-resistance performance!

## **NEW ANODIZED COLOR STD VERSION, ANODIZED NOT PAINTED!**

Reference color: RAL7012

AS IS





Aesthetics closer to the American regulators

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## NEW PROTECTION AND PAINTING COLOR UNDERGROUND VERSION

We have been adding an anodizing pre-treatment To be able to distinguish this special version, we made the paint even darker color (anthracite)

\* ANODIZATION



FINAL PAINTING



### **RESISTANCE SALT SPRAY TEST : UP 2000 HOURS**

## **NEW MANUFACTURING PROCESS FOR SECOND STAGE CAPS**

The caps will be made from die-cast mold. Technology has allowed us to revise the plumbing system, making it more universal

• AS IS





#### The same technology will be used to produce the FE25-50 OPCO cap www.fiorentini.com

## **STANDARDIZATION OF CAPS TREATMENT**

Introduction for all models of anodizing treatment.

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Increased quality for all versions product www.fiorentini.com

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## **OPCO CAPS**

## Introduction for OPCO caps color anodizing treatment.

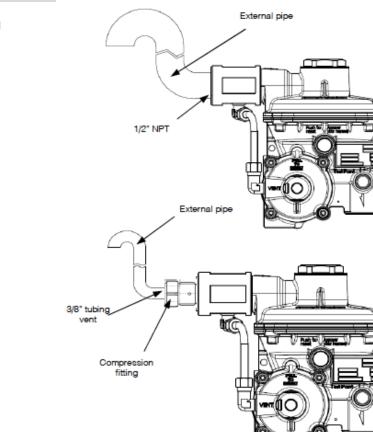
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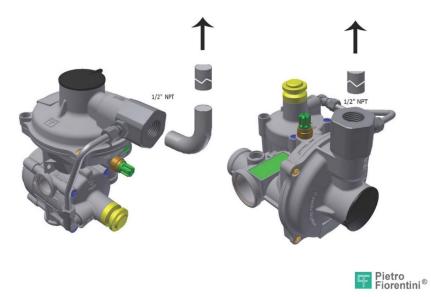
Increased quality and better model identification



#### Indoor/Outdoor Vent Line Cost Reduction

- Use of the FE allows for a vent line of 3/8" O.D. tubing for up to 40 feet
- 100 feet with ½" pipe without any regulator performance detriment.
- Lower Material Cost
- Ease of Handling
- Ease of Mounting
- Aesthetics

# UNIVENT Indoor & Underground / Underwater Version!

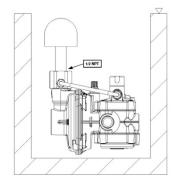


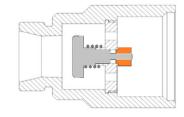
#### **FE REGULATOR – Main accessories**

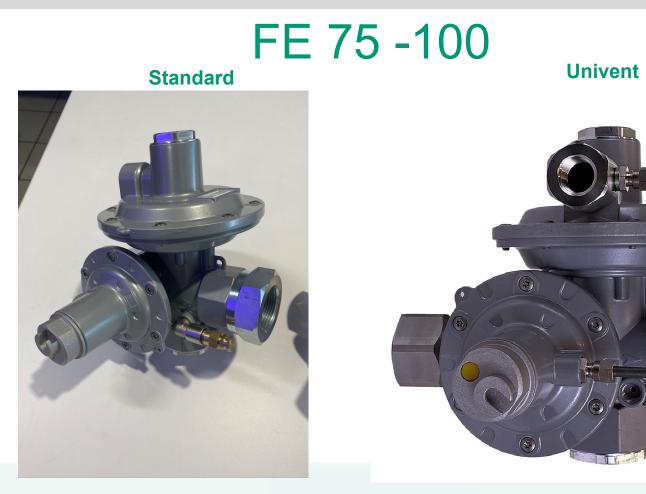
*Underground version:* regulator works properly even in case of complete flooding.

#### Thermal valve:

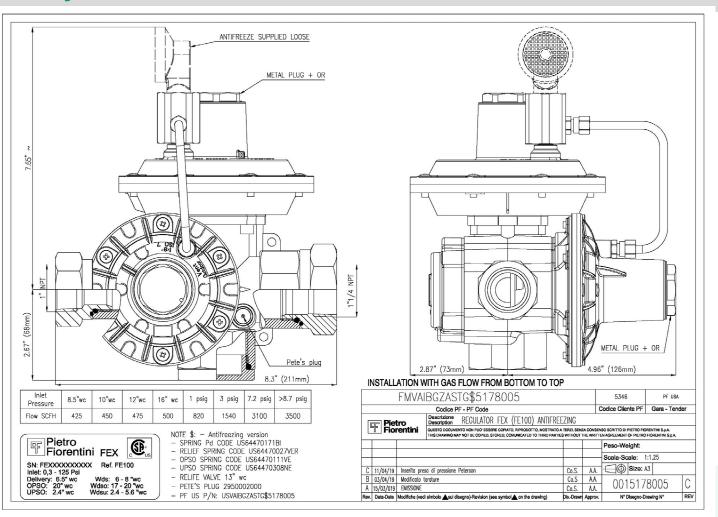
Optional. To increase operation safety in case of fire. Melting at a temperature comprised between 320 F based on the valve selection







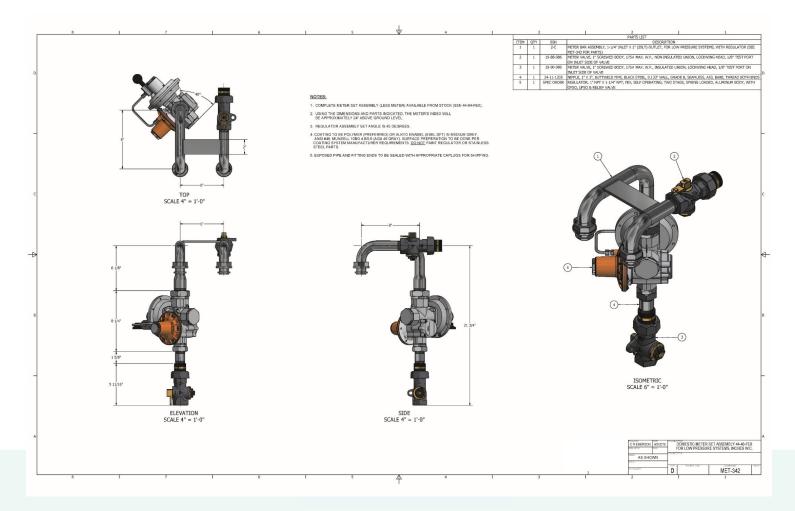
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# **Compact Installation**

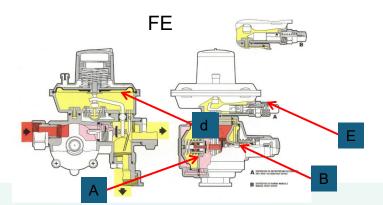


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## **FE & FE Failure Matrix**

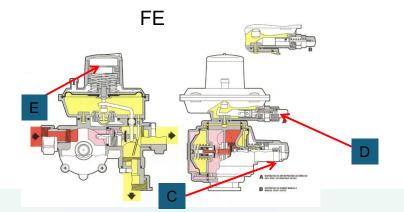
- A. Failure of 1st stage diaphragm
- B. Failure of slam shut diaphragm
- C. Failure of main diaphragm
- D. Failure of safety diaphragm
- E. Line breaks downstream

2<sup>nd</sup> stage takes overtakes over and regulator still operates!Increase in outlet pressure & Slam Shut trips!Safety diaphragm takes over!Slam shut will trip!Low pressure cut off engages shuts off!



## **FE Start Up**

- A. Make sure the meter nut is loose or test point is open to purge air from the system
- B. Turn Gas on
- C. Pull out OPSO slam shut reset stem
- D. Push in low pressure reset button (IF USED)
- E. Adjust outlet pressure
- F. Close the purge fitting







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# **Thank You!**

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