

PRECAUTIONS AND WARNINGS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION, INSTALLATION AND SERVICE OF MAC VALVES AND OTHER MAC VALVES PRODUCTS

The warnings and precautions below are important to be read and understood before designing into a system any MAC Valves products, and before installing or servicing any MAC Valves product. Improper use, installation or servicing of any MAC Valves product in some systems could create a hazard to personnel or equipment. No distinction in importance should be made between the terms warnings and precautions.

WARNING :

Under no circumstances are MAC Valves products to be used in any application or in any manner where failure of the MAC Valves product to operate as intended could in any way jeopardize the safety of the operator or any other person or property.

- Do not operate outside of pressure range listed on a valve label or outside of the designated temperature range.
- Air supply must be clean and dry. Moisture or contamination can affect proper operation of the valve.
- Before attempting to repair, adjust or clean a MAC Valves product, consult catalog, parts & operation sheet, or factory for proper maintenance procedures, lubrication and cleaning agents. Never attempt to repair or perform other maintenance with air pressure to the valve.
- If air line lubrication is used do not use any lubrication other than those recommended in the catalog, parts & operation sheet or by the factory.

APPLICATION PRECAUTIONS :

INDUSTRIAL USE -

- MAC Valve products are intended for general use in industrial pneumatic and/or vacuum systems. They are general purpose industrial products with literally thousands of different applications in industrial systems. These products are not inherently dangerous, but they are only a component of an overall system. The system in which they are used must provide adequate safeguards to prevent injury or damage in the event failure occurs, whether it be failure of switches, regulators, cylinders, valves or any other component.

POWER PRESSES -

MAC Valve products are not designed nor intended to be used to operate and/or control the operation of clutch and/or brake systems on power presses. There are special products on the market for such use.

2-POSITION VALVES -

Some MAC valves are 2-position, 4-way valves. When air is supplied to the inlet port(s) of these valves, there will always be a flow path from the inlet to one of the outlets regardless of which of the two positions the valve is situated. Therefore, if pressurized air retained in the system would present a hazard in the application or servicing of the valve or system, a separate method in the system must be provided to remove the trapped air.

3- POSITION VALVES-

Some MAC valves are 3-position, 4-way valves. These valves are either double solenoid or double remote air operated.

If either of the two operators is in control, air supplied to the inlet port(s) will pass through the valve to one of the outlets as on 2-position, 4-way valves. However, if neither operator is in control, the valve moves to a center position. Listed below are the various center position functions :

A. CLOSED CENTER-

With this type valve, when in the center position all ports are blocked (inlets and exhausts) meaning the air at both outlet ports is trapped. If trapping the air in both outlet ports would present a hazard in the application or servicing, a separate method in the system must be provided to remove the trapped air or this type valve should not be used.

B. OPEN CENTER-

With this type valve, when in the center position, the inlet port(s) is blocked and the two outlet ports are open to the exhaust port(s) of the valve. If having no air in either outlet port would present a hazard in the application or servicing, this type valve should not be used.

C. PRESSURE CENTER-

With this type valve, when in the center position, the inlet port(s) is connected to both outlet ports of the valve. If having pressurized air to either or both outlet ports would present a hazard in the application or servicing of the valve or system, a separate method in the system must be provided to remove the retained air or this type valve should not be used.

OPERATING SPECIFICATIONS -

MAC Valves products are to be installed only on applications that meet all operating specifications described in the MAC catalog for the MAC Valves product.

MANUAL OPERATORS-

Most MAC valves can be ordered with manual operators. Manual operators when depressed, are designed to shift the valve to the same position as would the corresponding solenoid or remote air pilot operator if it were activated. Care must be taken to order a type, if any, that will be safe for the physical location of the manual operator in the system. If intentional or accidental operation of a valve by a manual operator could cause personal injury or property damage, a manual operator should not be used.

REMOTE AIR OPERATED VALVES

Pilot valves supplying signal pressure to remote air operated valves should be 3-way valves with adequate supply and exhaust capacity to provide positive pressurizing and exhausting of the pilot supply line. Pilot lines should be open to exhaust when valves are deenergized.

INSTALLATION PRECAUTIONS :

- A. Do not install any MAC Valves product without first turning off air (bleed system completely) and electricity to the machine.
- B. MAC Valves products should only be installed by qualified, knowledgeable personnel who understand how the specific valve is to be pneumatically piped and electrically connected (where applicable). Flow paths through the valve are shown in the catalog and on the valve by use of ANSI or ISO type standard graphic symbols. Do not install unless these symbols and the valve functions and operations are thoroughly understood.
- C. If air line lubrication is used do not use any lubrication other than those recommended in the catalog, parts & operation sheet or by the factory.

SERVICE PRECAUTIONS :

- A. Do not service or remove from service any MAC Valves product without first shutting off both the air and electricity to the valve and making certain no pressurized air which could present a hazard is retained in the system.
- B. MAC Valves products should only be serviced or removed from service by qualified, knowledgeable personnel who understand how the specific product is used and/or how the specific valve is piped and used and whether there is air retained in the connecting lines to the valve or electric power still connected to the valve.
- C. Before attempting to repair, adjust or clean a MAC Valves product, consult catalog, parts & operation sheet, or factory for proper maintenance procedures, lubrication and cleaning agents. Never attempt to repair or perform other maintenance with air pressure to the valve.
- D. MAC Valves products are never to be stepped on while working on a machine. Damage to a MAC valve, or other product or lines to the product (either air or electrical lines) or accidental activation of a manual operator on the valve could result in personal injury or property damage.