

Operation Manual

Pneumatic Diaphragm Valves (normally closed)

Models AK/AP/AZ3000, AK/AP/AZ3002, AK/AP/AZ3004, AK/AP/AZ3007, AP3113, AP3130, AP/AZ3200, AP3260, AK/AP/AZ3540, AK/AP/AZ3542, AK/AP/AZ3545, AK/AP/AZ3550, AK/AP/AZ3571, AP3700, AK/AP/AZ4000, AP/AZ4100, AP/AZ4141, AK/AP/AZ4540, AK/AP/AZ4542, AK/AP/AZ4550, and AK/AP/AZ4571

A. General Information

AP Tech normally closed (NC) pneumatic diaphragm valves are used in gas delivery systems to control gas flow. Many different models are available with different pressure ratings, flow capacities, and porting configurations.

The AK/AP/AZ3571 and AK/AP/AZ4571 operate differently than other NC valves because the valves have an additional actuation port that is used to partially open the valve to a “metered” flow.

Refer to the appropriate catalog data sheet for specific product information.

B. System Design/Product Selection

1. When selecting the valve model and configuration, refer to the current data sheet or AP Tech product catalog for specifications, and verify the following information.
 - a. Verify the materials of construction are compatible with the intended process gas.
 - b. Verify the pressure and temperature ratings are acceptable for the intended application.
 - c. Verify the actuation pressure supply is appropriate.
 - d. Verify that the flow capacity (C_v) of the valve is appropriate for the application.
2. Valves can be used under a large variety of operation conditions. The system designers shall decide product selection based upon their own analysis and testing to verify acceptable operation with specific equipment.

C. Installation

1. Verify the pressure rating is acceptable.
2. Inspect the valve to determine the flow path through the valve and how the valve will be installed in the system.
 - a. An inlet (upstream) port is defined as a port connected to the region below the valve seat and may be labeled with an “IN” marked into the body near the port.
 - b. An outlet (downstream) port is defined as a port connected to the region above the seat and below the diaphragm. The outlet port is usually not labeled but may be marked “OUT”.

- c. The traditional flow direction is inlet to outlet, but AP Tech valves may be employed in either traditional flow direction or the reverse.
 - d. On Series DV Monoblock valves the port that is common with the block valves is marked with a “C”. No other marking is shown. Refer to Technical Bulletin 205 for schematics of the monoblock configurations and more detailed information.
3. Install the valve using the appropriate method described below.
 - a. For tube stub connections, weld connectors or other components to the tube stubs per standard industry practice (reference SEMI standard F78).
 - b. For metal face seal connectors, assemble connections per standard practice described by fitting supplier (typically 1/8 turn past finger-tight).
 - c. For compression-type connectors, insert the tube into the fitting until it stops. Tighten the fitting by applying 1-1/4 turns of nut rotation.
 - i) For reinstallation, mark the nut and the valve body before disassembly. This will allow the nut to be returned to the original assembly position. Insert the tube and attached ferrules into the fitting until fully seated. Rotate the nut until it is returned to the original assembly position and tighten slightly beyond marked position.
 - d. Most valves can be attached to panels or mounting plates using the 10-32 or M5 female thread mounting holes located in the bottom of the body (valves with M5 mounting holes will be marked with a “5” on the bottom of the body). Special configurations or multi-valve blocks may not have mounting holes or may have different size holes. Refer to the specific data sheet or Technical Bulletin for detailed mounting information.
 4. Connect a nitrogen or clean dry air actuation pressure supply to the valve actuation port connection. The connection may be a 1/8 NPT female thread, 10-32 female thread, or M5x0.8 female thread depending on the valve model.
 - a. The AK/AP/AZ3571 and AK/AP/AZ4571 have two actuation ports. The port marked “1” is the metered flow actuation port and the port marked “2” is the full open actuation port.
 - b. For the AK/AP/AZ3571 and AK/AP/AZ4571 changing the actuator port locations could change the factory metered flow set point. Contact factory prior to attempting to reposition location of actuator port or if requiring a new meter flow set point.
 5. After installation, perform a leak test of all connections and welds per standard industry practice (reference SEMI standard F1).

D. Indicating Switch Option Installation

1. IS option for AK/AP/AZ3000, AP3113, AP3130, or AK/AP/AZ3200:

a. Review the following specifications to verify the switch is appropriate for the installation.

Switch model	OKI Sensor ORT551
Switch type	SPDT
Operating temperature	-40 to 80 C
Supply voltage	30 VDC max.
Power	3 VA max.
Switching current	0.2 A max.
Carrying current	0.5 A max.
Life expectancy	Up to 5,000,000 cycles at 1.2 VA
Connectors	Stranded 24 AWG wire (blue, black, and brown leads), 10 ft (3 m) long

b. Connect blue lead to common output.

c. Connect brown lead to normally closed input (the circuit will be closed when valve is closed).

d. Connect black lead to normally open input (the circuit will be closed when valve is open).

2. ISO and ISC option for AK/AP/AZ3550, AP/AZ4100, AK/AP/AZ4550, or AP3700:

a. Review the following specifications to verify the switch is appropriate for the installation.

ISO switch model	Alcoswitch MSPM101C104
ISC switch model	Alcoswitch MSPM101B104
Switch type	SPST
Operating temperature	-10 to 80 C
Supply voltage	50 VDC max.
Supply current	100 mA max.
Power	1.0 VA optimum
Initial contact resistance	100 milliohm max.
Life expectancy	up to 5,000,000 cycles at 0.1 VA
Connectors	Lug terminals – can be soldered or will accept .110 quick disconnect receptacles

b. Connect common input to one lug terminal (solder wire or use .110 quick disconnect receptacle).

c. Connect signal input to other lug terminal (solder wire or use .110 quick disconnect receptacle). For ISO option, the circuit will be closed when the valve is open. For ISC, the circuit will be closed when the valve is closed.

E. Operation

1. Perform the following to close the valve.
 - a. Vent the valve actuation pressure to atmospheric pressure. For the AK/AP/AZ3571 and AK/AP/AZ4571, both actuation ports must be vented to atmospheric pressure.
 - b. If an indicating switch option was installed, verify that the output signal changed states.
2. Perform the following to open the valve.
 - a. Apply actuation pressure to the valve. For the AK/AP/AZ3571 and AK/AP/AZ4571, actuation pressure on port “2” or on both ports “1” and “2” will fully open the valve and actuation pressure only on port “1” will partially open the valve to a metered flow.
 - b. If an indicating switch option was installed, verify that the output signal changed states.
3. When a valve is in the closed position, the inlet ports are isolated from the outlet ports. When a valve is in the open position, all ports are common.

Please contact the factory or your local representative to answer questions or for further information.