Inertisation / Tankblanketing regulators



USER MANUAL TBRSF16

Read the complete manual before installing and using the regulator.







INCORRECT OR IMPROPER USE OF THIS PRODUCT CAN CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Due to the variety of operating conditions and applications for this product, the user is solely responsible for making the final proper decisions concerning the correct assembly and functioning of the product and assuring that all the performance, safety and warning requirements are met.

- Users must be trained and equipped for the handling, use and servicing of pressure products and systems.
- Users must contact their gas or liquid supplier for specific safety precautions and instructions.
- Gaseous media should be free of excessive moisture to prevent icing at high flow.
- Always wear the appropriate protective clothing, including safety glasses, gloves etc. if required.
- Follow the applicable safety and maintenance procedures.
- Obey specific local regulations.
- Do not exceed the maximum inlet and outlet pressure of the product or its accessories.
- Operate within the temperature limits and other conditions specified for the product.
- Do not to drop or damage the product in any other way. This may negatively effect the performance of the product which can cause the product to malfunction.
- Venting fluids and gases can be dangerous. Vent to a safe environment away from people. Ensure adequate ventilation.
- This product is not oxygen clean and therefore not suitable for oxygen service.

If there are questions or problems regarding the installation, operation and maintenance these should be directed to the proper authority on site before continuing.





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1 Introduction

1.1 Detailed description

This regulator is a diaphragm sensing spring loaded pressure regulator, designed for low outlet pressure at high gaseous flow. It is ideal for highly accurate control of pressure because of it's large effective sensing area. Combined with a lever between the diaphragm and the valve, the regulator is ideal for use in low pressure tankblanketing.

The regulator comprises a body and spring housing bolted together and has a removable seat and valve. The product is designed to be used between -20 °C and +80 °C, whether ambient temperature or media temperature.

The TBRSF16 needs outletpressure to close the valve, therefore the regulator is not leak tight with atmospheric outletpressure. The regulator can stand high inletpressure, because of the balanced valve.

The maximum in- and outlet pressure for the TBRSF16 are:

- Inlet pressure 0 16 bar
- Outlet pressure 0 700 mbar *

* Make sure the downstream pressure cannot exceed 700 mbar as the max. allowable working pressure for the diaphragm enclosure is 700 mbar.

Standard features:

- ss 316L throughout
- diaphragm sensing
- 3 outlet ranges
- external feedback *
- 1.2 Special features and options
- internal pressure sensing
- suction tube
- factory set locking ring

* When using the TBRSF16 with external feedback, make sure that the outlet pressure is fed back to the external feedback connection before applying pressure to the regulator. Failing to do so may lead to damage and non-functioning of the regulator as the inlet pressure will be put straight through to the outlet.



1.3 Typical picture of the TBRSF16 (standard)



1	body assembly		hexagon head screw	20	guide bush	28	hexagon nut
2	2 springhousing assembly		diaphragm plate	21	set spring	29	locknut
3	3 body plug		diaphragm	22	springguide	30	hexagon head screw
4	springhousing cover	15	diaphragm screw	23	setscrew	31	bush
6	lever	16	o-ring	24	o-ring	34	o-ring
7	valve assembly	17	locknut	25	valve spring	35	blind plug, 1/4" bsp
9	seat	18	o-ring	26	socket head cap screw	36	ring
10	valve holder assembly	19	o-ring	27	ring	37	socket head cap screw

1.4 Typical picture of the external feedback



The TBRSF16, with an external feedback, uses the connection 1/4" BSPP connection on the cover to sense the outlet pressure. The suction tube is blocked, with a bolt and ring, mounted in the valve holder assembly (nr. 10). See the sketches above.

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2 Installation

A PRESSURE REGULATOR IS NOT A SHUT-OFF VALVE AND SHOULD NOT BE USED AS SUCH

2.1 Points of attention before installation

This regulator can be equipped with different options and connections.

Before installing the regulator you should fully understand the options and the suitability of your particular regulator and its suitability for the application.



sketch with mounting modes

- The preferred mounting position of the regulator is vertical with the springhousing facing horizontal. (see above sketch). The reason is the weight of the diaphragm plate, in this position it does not effect the regulation.
- It may be necessary to remove the regulator from the system during maintenance or service. Make sure that this is possible.
- The regulator is suitable for gases. Check if the materials on the assembly drawing, which came with the regulator, are compatible with the used media.
- The product is designed to be used between -20 °C and +80 °C, whether ambient temperature or media temperature. In all other cases consult SWAGELOK B.V..
- The regulator is standard not oxygen clean and is not suitable for oxygen use.
- 2.2 Oxygen service
- Specification of materials in regulators for oxygen service is the user's responsibility. SWAGELOK
 B.V. can perform cleaning for Oxygen service based on ASTM-G93LevelC/CGA4.1 at additional cost.



2.3 Installation instructions

- Verify that the regulator, the connections and its accessories are undamaged.
- Verify that the regulator and its accessories are suitable for the system operating pressure and have the proper connections.
- Carefully clean all pipes and connections. Any swarf, lint, wire etc. may cause seat leakage.
- Verify the flow direction of the system and mount the TBRSF16 accordingly.
- Securely make the appropriate connections to the regulator in accordance with the procedures recommended by the manufacturer of the connections.
- Make sure the downstream pressure cannot exceed 700 mbar.
- Shut-off valves should be mounted in the system for service or maintenance.
- If earthing is required, connect an earth wire under a springhousing bolt.



2.4 External feedback

The purpose of the external feedback on a TBRSF16 is to get a more accurate regulation of the down stream pressure. This can be achieved by sensing the outlet pressure downstream of the regulator and feeding it back to the regulator. For this purpose SWAGELOK B.V. has provided a special connection, marked on the regulator itself as "P2 feedback".

Note: The feedback MUST be used; failure to do so could cause serious problems.

The external feedback must be installed as follows.

- In a pipe-line application, the sensing line is to be connected in a turbulence-free zone in the downstream piping, at a distance of approximately 5x the outside diameter of the down stream piping.
- The sensing tube must be connected on top of the downstream piping.
- The size of the sensing line should be 3/6" or 1/2" tubing.

Note: Never connect the sensing line downstream of a shut-off valve.







3 Operation

3.1 Required tools for operation

Use a socket wrench (19 mm) with an extended piece to change the setpressure.

3.2 Points of attention before operation

- The regulator can be hot or cold, depending on the environmental temperature and the used media temperature. Take the necessary precautions before operating or touching the product.
- The regulator is a non-venting type; a shut-off valve on the outlet side must be opened to relief the pressure on the outlet side.
- When the pressure has been set in a no-flow situation, the pressure will drop when gas starts to flow. This phenomenon is usually referred to as the "**lock-up**" and does not indicate a problem with the regulator.
- A decrease in the flow will result in a rise of the outlet pressure. An increase in the flow will result in a fall of the outlet pressure and is usually referred to as the "**droop**".
 - This phenomenon does not indicate a problem with the regulator.
- A decrease of the inlet pressure will result in a rise of the outlet pressure.
 An increase of the inlet pressure will result in a fall of the outlet pressure.
 This phenomenon is usually referred to as the "dependency" and does not indicate a problem with the regulator.
- 3.3 Changing the setpressure
- Check the supply of medium at the inlet side.
 Make sure the inlet pressure is higher than the required outlet pressure and that the inlet pressure does not exceed the maximum allowable inlet pressure. Open the shut-off valve at the inlet side.
- Slightly open a shut-off valve, in the system at the outlet side, to allow a minimal flow.
- Turn the setscrew clockwise to increase the setpressure. Turn the setscrew counterclockwise to decrease the set pressure.



4 Maintenance



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SWAGELOK B.V. recommends the product to be removed from the system and to be shipped to SWAGELOK B.V. for service or maintenance as all regulators must pass rigid acceptance tests before leaving the factory.

All repairs and servicing of this product must be performed by factory certified personnel and tested for operation and leakage.

If this procedure is not followed for any reason, or if any customer changes are made to the product, SWAGELOK B.V. cannot assume responsibility for the performance or safety of a customer repaired product or for any damage resulting from failure of the product.

The product should be checked periodically for proper and safe operation. It is the users sole responsibility to determine the frequency of maintenance based on the application.

(i) RECOMMENDATION

SWAGELOK B.V. RECOMMENDS TO HAVE SPARE-PART KITS READILY AVAILABLE ON SITE.

All regulators require maintenance at scheduled intervals. Annual maintenance is recommended under normal use.

From experience SWAGELOK B.V. can tell that especially during the start-up of a system, the demand for spare-part kits is there.

Despite all the effort taken to assure a clean system, there is usually some debris left in the system, which can damage the regulator.

Having spare-part kits on site will save time and money, as the downtime of the system will be reduced to a minimum, whether during start-up or normal operation.

- 4.1 Required tools for maintenance
- a vice to fasten the regulator
- pincers to take out the o-rings
- a torque wrench
- a torque wrench hexagon head key 5
- socket wrenches 8 / 17 / 19
- a wrench 44
- a "seat retainer" removing tool
- media and temperature compatible lubricant for reassembling threaded parts
- media and temperature compatible lubricant for o-rings
- soapy water for leak-testing



4.2 Points of attention before removal from the system

- SWAGELOK B.V. recommends removing the regulator from the installation.
- Make sure that a spare-part kit is present.
- Check if the used media is hazardous or toxic.
- If required take the necessary safety precautions to ensure a safe workspace and your personal safety.
- Vent to a safe environment away from people and ensure adequate ventilation.
- Follow your system safety, maintenance or special local procedures when removing the regulator.
- The product can be hot or cold, depending on the environmental temperature and the used media temperature. Take the necessary precautions before operating or touching the product.
- 4.3 Removal from the system
- Isolate the regulator from all pressure sources by closing the appropriate valves.
- Turn the setscrew counterclockwise to decrease the setpressure; a shut-off valve on the downstream side must be opened to relief the pressure.
- Make sure, the inlet and outlet pressure are both reduced to zero and the setscrew is turned counterclockwise until there is no more spring force on the setscrew.
- 4.4 Disassembly
- Loosen the socket head screws (16 pcs.M6) and remove the springhousing and the set spring.
- Loosen the nut on the diaphragmscrew and remove the diaphragmplate and the diaphragm.
- Loosen the hexagon head screws (4 pcs.M10) and pull out the valve holder assembly, together with both levers and the valve assembly.
- Loosen the hexagon head screws (3 pcs.M05) to remove the valveassembly and both levers from the valve holder assembly.
- Loosen the bodyplug from the body and remove the seat by turning it counterclockwise.
- 4.5 Inspection of disassembled parts
- Check all parts for abnormal wear. Replace all parts in case of doubt.
- 4.6 Points of attention before assembly
- All parts must be clean and undamaged before starting assembly.
- SWAGELOK B.V. recommends replacing all o-rings and the diaphragm before assembly.
- All threaded parts must be lubricated a little before assembly, this to avoid galling of threads.
- All o-rings need to be lubricated a little to improve the lifetime of the o-ring and the performance of the regulator.

4.7 Assembly

Follow the points for disassembly in reverse order to assemble the regulator.



4.8 Recommended torques

-	Seat	10 Nm
-	Bodyplug	30 Nm
-	Hexagon head screws (3 pcs M05)	10 Nm
-	Hexagon head screws (4 pcs M10)	40 Nm
-	Nut on the diaphragmscrew (M10)	10 Nm
-	Socket head cap screws (16 pcs M06)	10 Nm

4.9 Testing

Check the TBRSF16 for leakage across the seat, bodyplug and the diaphragm. Check the required outletpressure range and function.

- Maintain a test pressure on the upstream side of the regulator.
- Turn the setscrew clockwise, till there is 50% of the outletpressure range.
- Stop turning the setscrew. The outletpressure may not rise more then the closing pressure.
- Turn the setscrew clockwise, and stop when the maximum outletpressure is reached.
- Check for leakage across the diaphragm and check the small hole in the springhousing for bubbles by using a little soapy water.
- Check for leakage across the bodyplug.

If there is leakage across the seat or the diaphragm, the damaged parts must be replaced.



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5 Trouble shooting

Problem:	The outlet pressure creeps up, without turning the adjustment knob.
Cause:	A damaged valve and/or seat.
Solution:	Replace the valve assembly
Problem [.]	Controlled pressure drops off sharply even when the flow is within regulator capabilities
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Cause:	Not enough inlet pressure.
Solution:	Make sure there is enough.
Droblom:	Constant look through the hole at the side of the enringhousing
Problem.	Constant leak through the hole at the side of the springhousing.
Cause:	Damaged diaphragm, or not enough torque on the nut on the diaphragmscrew.
Solution:	Replace the diaphragm, or tighten the nut.
Droblom:	The required outlet pressure can not be reached
FIODIEIII.	The required outlet pressure call not be reached.
Cause:	The inlet pressure is not high enough.
Solution:	Make sure that the inlet pressure is sufficient.
Problem:	The outlet pressure rises too much when going from a dynamic to a static situation.
Cause:	There is too much flow in the dynamic situation.
Solution:	Check the specific application data with the flow curves in our documentation.
Problem:	The outlet pressure does not drop when the setscrew is turned counterclockwise.
Cause:	The regulator is standard non-venting.
Solution:	A shut-off valve in the outlet line must be opened to reduce the outlet pressure.

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