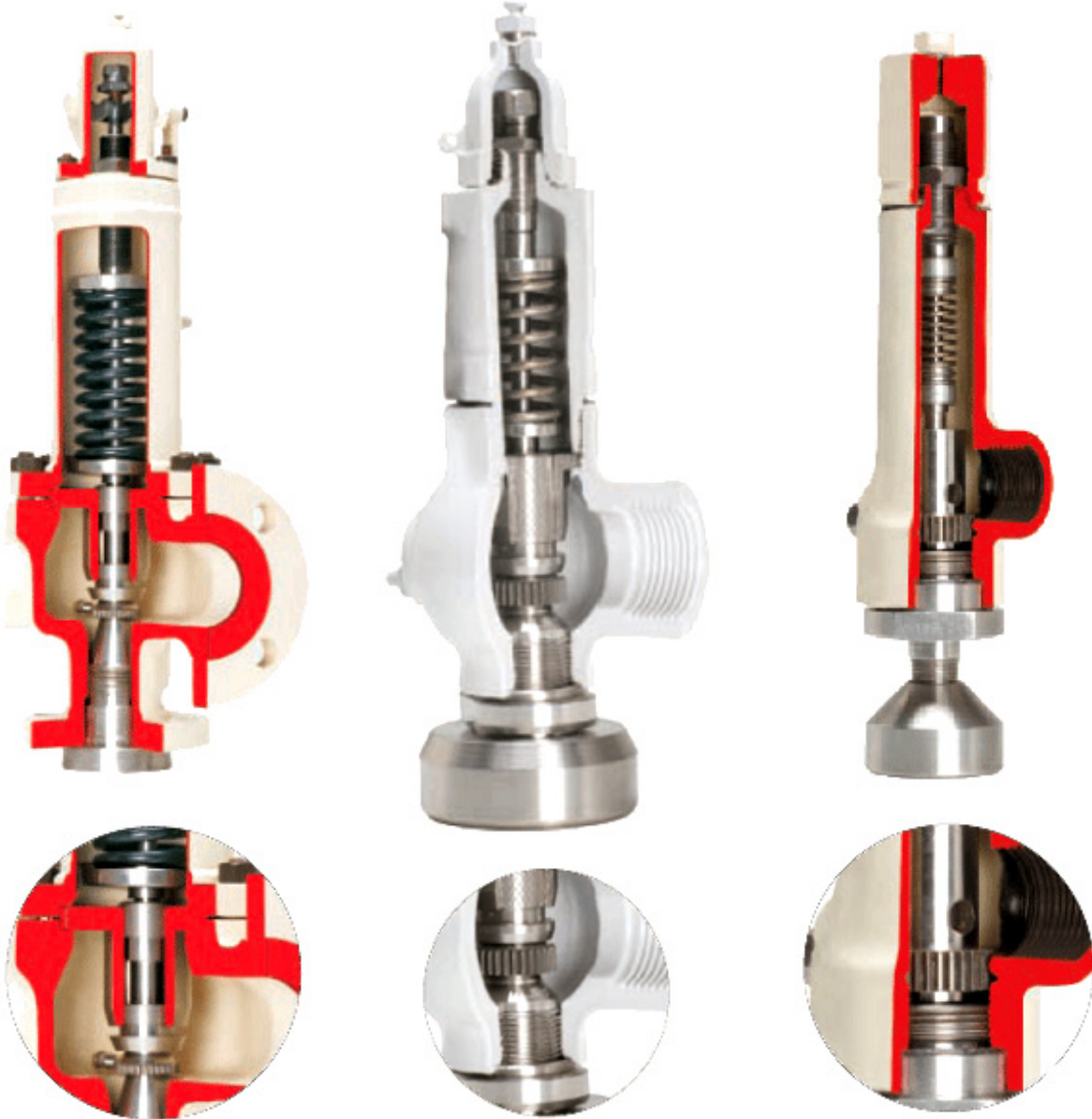




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SAFETY RELIEF VALVES INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS



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1 – PRE-INSTALLATION HANDLING AND INSPECTION

1.1 – STORAGE AND HANDLING

Safety relief valves may be received on a site several months before actual start-up. If not stored and protected as necessary, safety relief valve performance may be affected. Because cleanliness is essential to satisfactory operation and tightness of safety relief valve, take utmost precaution to keep out all foreign particles. The inlet and outlet connection shall be protected with end cover. keep valve inlet absolutely clean.

- It is recommended that safety relief valves be stored indoor in a clean, dry, place, well protected from the weather, sand, dust or other contamination sources.
- Wherever possible, safety relief valves should be stored in their original packaging.
- Safety relief valve should be handled carefully and should not be subjected to shocks, which can result in considerable internal damage or misalignment. Seat tightness may be adversely affected.



CAUTION

- Blanking plugs, thread protections and plastic covers should only be removed when a safety relief valve is tested or installed. After testing if the valve is not installed immediately then blanking plugs should be refitted
- Protect the flange facing (serration portion) and threads from any damages.

1.2 – INSPECTION AND TESTING OF SAFETY RELIEF VALVES

The condition of all safety relief valves should be visually inspected before installation. Ensure that the all protective material on the valve flanges and extraneous material inside the valve body and nozzle are completely removed. The inlet surface must be thoroughly cleaned, since foreign particles clinging to the inside of the nozzle will be blown across the seat when the valve is operated. Some of these particles may damage the seat or get trapped between the seats in such a way that they cause leakage. Valve should be tested before installation to confirm their set pressure.

Test Gag (30) an optional accessory of safety relief valves used for blocking the opening of valve. Some times bigger size valves are dispatched from factory with test gag fitted on cap(03) of the valve to block movement of seat for preventing damages to the seat during transportation. If the test gag is provided on the valve cap (03), it must be removed and replaced by cap plug (26) and plug gasket (27) before testing/ installation. The valve will not open if test gag is fitted on the valve.

Test gags may be preserved and used for preventing opening of the valve when the system is hydro tested at a pressure more than set pressure of the valve and with the valve fitted on the system. The Test Gag must be removed and replaced with cap plug after such Hydro Testing of the system/ tank.



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1.3 – INSPECTION AND CLEANING OF SYSTEM BEFORE INSTALLATION

New system in particular are prone to containing welding beads, pipe scale and other foreign objects that inadvertently get trapped during construction and will destroy the seating surface when the valve open. The system should be thoroughly cleaned before the safety relief valve is installed.

2 – VALVE MODEL TYPES, GA DRAWINGS AND PART LIST

This document is applicable for Mekaster make safety relief valves model type 66 series, 9 series, S-14 series & S-15 Series for liquid, gas and steam services. Normally the following identification details are shown on the name plate of valve:

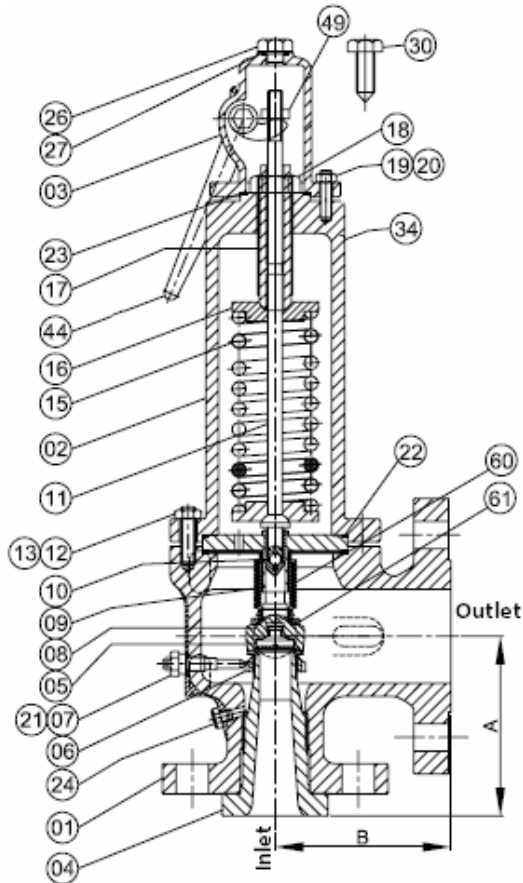
- Manufacturer's name
- Serial number (also stamped on the edge of the outlet flange)
- Tag No.
- Safety relief valve code/type.
- Size (Inlet x Outlet) –mentioned in the valve code also
- Orifice
- Capacity at over pressure
- Set Pressure
- CDP
- Back Pressure

Below is the detail for different model types and orifice:

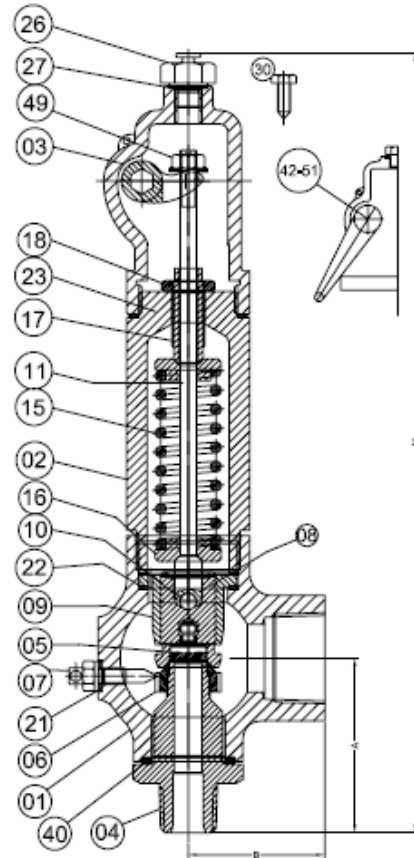
Orifice Designation As per API-526	Nominal Orifice Area as per API – 526 (mm ²)	Actual Area (mm ²)	Actual Nozzle Bore diameter (mm)
I) SERIES-66 VALVES			
D	71	80.12	10.1
E	126.45	143.14	13.5
F	198	226.98	17.0
G	324.5	366.44	21.6
H	506.45	572.56	27
J	830.32	940.25	34.6
K	1185.80	1352.65	41.5
L	1840.64	2083.07	51.5
M	2451.6	2471.81	56.1
N	28	3333.64	65.15
P	4116.12	4656.63	77
Q	7129	8372.79	103.25
R	10322.5	11737.82	122.25
T	16775	19174.76	156.25
II) 9 SERIES VALVES			
B	-	28.27	6.0
D	-	80.12	10.15
E	-	144.20	13.5
F	-	226.98	17.0
G	-	366.44	21.6
III) S1-4/S-15 SERIES VALVES			
S14	-	176.71	15.0
S15	-	36.48	7.0

- 66 series valves are conventional / balanced bellow type with flanged end connection and are in accordance with API 526. The 9 series and S-14/S-15 series valves are available in both screwed and flanged end connection.
- Optional accessories for safety relief valves are Lever, gag, bellow and steam jacket etc.
- Hard-facing of Seat faces (nozzle and disk) are done by stelliting for high pressure application for wear resistance and long life.

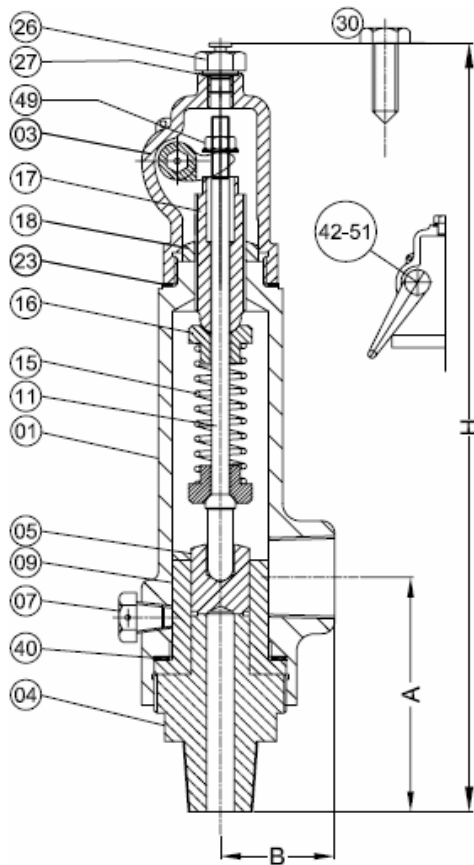
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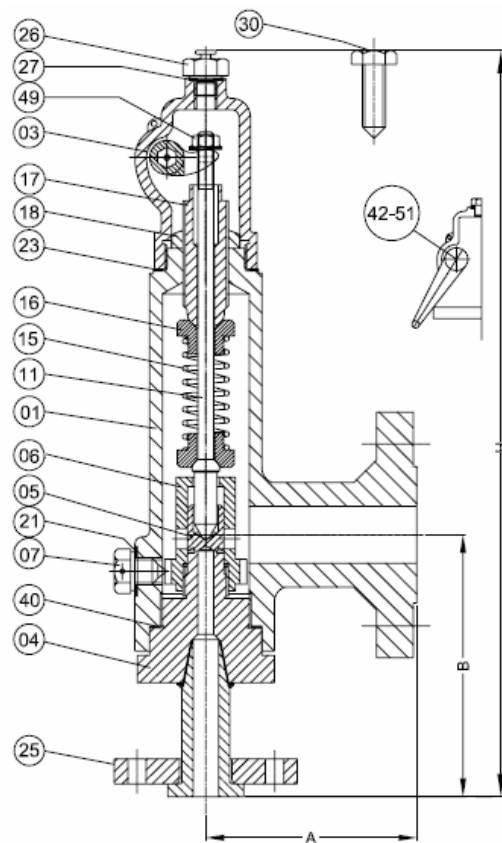
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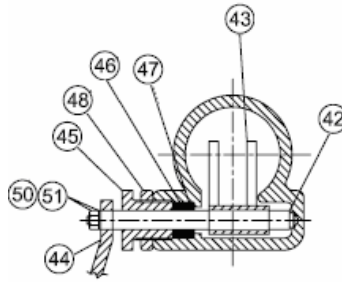
9 SERIES VALVES



S14 SERIES VALVES



S14 SERIES VALVES



LEVER ASSEMBLY FOR ALL SERIES VALVES

2.2 - PART LIST

P. NO.	DESCRIPTION	APPLICABLE FOR SAFETY VALVE SERIES				NOTES
		66 SERIES	9 SERIES	S14 SERIES	S15 SERIES	
01	Body	✓	✓	✓	✓	
02	Bonnet	✓	✓	x	x	
03	Cap	✓	✓	✓	✓	
04	Nozzle	✓	✓	✓	✓	
05	Disc	✓	✓	✓	✓	
06	Adj. Ring	✓	✓	x	✓	
07	Adj. Ring Pin	✓	✓	✓	✓	
08	Disc Holder/ Piston	✓	✓	x	x	
09	Guide	✓	✓	✓	✓	
10	Ball	✓	✓	x	x	
11	Spindle	✓	✓	✓	✓	
12	Body-Bonnet Bolting Stud	✓	x	x	x	
13	Body-Bonnet Bolting Nut	✓	x	x	x	
15	Spring	✓	✓	✓	✓	
16	Spring Washer	✓	✓	✓	✓	
17	Adj. Screw	✓	✓	✓	✓	
18	Lock Nut	✓	✓	✓	✓	
19/20	Cap-Bonnet Fastener	✓	x	x	x	
21	Set Screw Gasket	✓	✓	✓	✓	
22	Gasket	✓	✓	✓	✓	
23	Cap Gasket	✓	✓	✓	✓	
24	Drain Plug	✓	x	x	x	
25	Inlet Flange	x	✓	✓	✓	App. for flange type valve only
26	Cap Plug	✓	✓	✓	✓	Optional accessory
27	Plug Gasket	✓	✓	✓	✓	
30	Test Gag	✓	✓	✓	✓	Optional accessory
40	Nozzle Gasket	x	✓	✓	✓	
42	Axel	✓	✓	✓	✓	Applicable for Lever type valves only
43	Fork	✓	✓	✓	✓	
44	Lever	✓	✓	✓	✓	
45	Gland Follower	✓	✓	✓	✓	
46	Packing	✓	✓	✓	✓	
47	Ring	✓	✓	✓	✓	
48	Lock Nut	✓	✓	✓	✓	
49	Nut	✓	✓	✓	✓	
50	Screw	✓	✓	✓	✓	
51	Washer	✓	✓	✓	✓	
60	Bellow	✓	x	x	x	Applicable for Below type valves only
61	Bellow Gasket	✓	x	x	x	

3 – INSTALLATION

Safety relief valves installation should be as per API RP 520 Part 2 and other applicable regulations. Refer these standards for complete guidelines and instruction.

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- If the test gag is provided on the valve cap (03), it must be removed and replaced by cap plug (26) and plug gasket (27) before testing/ installation. The valve will not open if test gag is fitted on the valve.
- Blanking plugs, thread protections and plastic covers should be removed when a safety relief valve is tested or installed.

4 – MAINTENANCE

In general the valve is to be maintained as per recommendations given in API RP 576. The procedures for disassembly, lapping, reassembly and checking set pressure and set tightness and adjusting ring (Blow down) setting are given below:-

4.1 – PROCEEDURE FOR SAFETY RELIEF VALVES DIS-ASSEMBLY



- Before dismantling a safety valve installed on a pipe circuit or tank it is essential to check that no pressure exists in the system, by purging the system. A pressure gauge reading is not sufficient for checking absence of residual pressure.
- Clean, degrease, dry all parts by using appropriate solvent / mechanical means.

If the valve is to be serviced, it is to be dismantled as per below mentioned procedure.

STEP 1 - Remove cap (03) by opening cap nut (20) for bolted cap or by unscrewing the screwed cap (03)

STEP 2 - Note the length of adjusting screw (17) from bonnet (02) top face.

STEP 3 - Loosen lock-nut (18) and adjusting screw (17) to relax the spring (15)

STEP 4 - Remove bonnet nuts (13) and bonnet (02)

STEP 5 - Remove spring (15) and spring washers (16) (and bearing, if provided, on the upper spring washer for high pressure valves)

STEP 6 - Check that the spring (15) is cylindrical by rolling it on a flat surface. If the spring is distorted or corroded, it should be replaced.

STEP 7 - Remove the Spindle (11) and Ball (10).

STEP 8 - Separate guide (9) along with piston (Disc Holder) (08) and below (60) (if provided) from the body (01) of the valve carefully to avoid damage to the disc seat fitted with the piston (Disc Holder) (08)

STEP 9 - Unscrew Disc (05) using fingers from the disc holder (08) by keeping the disc holder (08) vertical and disc seat downward.

STEP 10- In bellow sealed valve; the Bellow (60) is removed from the piston by unscrewing

STEP 11- Loosen adjusting ring pin (Set Screw) (07) and unscrew the adjusting ring (Blow down ring) (06).

STEP 12- Invert valve body (01) and dismantle nozzle (04) using drift.

* The figures mentioned in the bracket indicate part position no shown in the GA drawings/part list.

4.2 – PROCEEDURE FOR LAPPING

If safety relief valve starts to leak, it must be reconditioned by lapping its seat surfaces of the nozzle and disc, either by hand or using a machine.



Lapping operation requires skill and experience and can only be carried out by a qualified personal; otherwise irreparable damage may be done. If this skill is not available, the safety relief valve should be returned to MEKASTER.

4.2.1 – Hand lapping



- The disc must never be lapped against nozzle.
- Before lapping, check that parts are not damaged or pitted. This can damage lapping plate or leave traces after lapping operation. If parts are so damaged, distorted surfaces must be re-machined on a lathe machine.

4.2.1.1 – Disc

Spread a thin coat of grinding paste on the lapping tool surface and place the disc on the top. **Do not apply hand pressure; the weight of the disc will be sufficient.** Apply a quick motion in a figure of 8 motions. Lift the disc periodically. Apply further coats of paste to the lapping tool and repeat the operation until all defects have been removed. The entire contact surface must have an identical texture and appearance, with no trace of scoring. Clean the contact surfaces of the lapping set and disc, using solvent.

For finishing, use a much finer grade paste and spread a thin coat on the lapping set. Proceed as before, in a figure of 8 motion, for about ten minutes. If the contact surface does not appear fully polished, repeat the operation but without putting on more paste, just spread the remaining paste evenly, using the finger. The lapping process is completed when the entire contact surface has no marks and is uniformly polished to a glazed / mirror finish.

Finally, carefully clean the contact surface, using solvent and a very clean white cloth, until all traces of impurity have been removed.

4.2.1.2 – Nozzle

Place the nozzle on a flat surface, with the seat surface facing downward. Spread a thin coat of lapping paste on the lapping plate and proceed in the same way as for the disc.

4.2.2 – Machine lapping

Safety relief valve can be lapped in using a lapping machine, with lapping powder mixed with oil. However, the polished surface will only be obtained after manual polishing on the polishing block.

4.3 – PROCEDURE FOR REASSEMBLY



- The safety relief valve should be reassembled with a set of new gaskets.
- Parts must be thoroughly cleaned before assembly.
- Safety relief valve assembly and adjustment is easier if the parts listed below are lubricated before assembly, when operating conditions allow:
 - Nozzle / body threads
 - Nozzle / adjusting ring threads
 - Disc / disc-holder contact
 - Stem / disc-holder contact
 - Adjusting screw threads

The lubricant used must be compatible with operating conditions.

In certain services like oxygen service etc, greasing is not permitted and all the parts must be clean and degreased thoroughly before assembly.

- Check that there are no burrs on moving parts- nozzle, disc, disc-holder, guide and adjusting ring.

- Proceed in reverse order as mentioned in procedure for DISASSEMBLY (4.1)

4.4 – PROCEDURE FOR CHECKING AND ADJUSTING SET PRESSURE AND SEAT TIGHTNES



- Safety valve setting and adjustment must be executed on the appropriate test bench. (Valves on liquid service should be adjusted on a liquid or air bench; valve on gas service should be adjusted on a dry oil free air or nitrogen).
- Clamping of valve on test bench must be homogeneous and have at least 3 tightening points.
- The opening of the valve entails a very high noise level. Persons exposed should be adequately protected.
- The opening of the valve can cause the projection of undirected fluid. Protective measures should be taken to prevent any harm. Valve outlet should be in the opposite direction of the operator.

The actual service conditions under which a safety relief valve is required to open may be different from the conditions at which the safety relief valve is set to operate on a test bench.

A Cold Differential Test Pressure (CDTP) is specified for adjusting the set pressure of the valve on the test bench. The value of CDTP is given on the name plate of the safety relief valve or can be calculated as below.

4.4.1 – Calculating Cold Differential Test Pressure (CDTP)

a) Correction Due to Back Pressure:

For a conventional safety relief valve operating with constant backpressure, the differential pressure is the difference between set pressure and backpressure.

For a balanced (Bellow type) safety relief valve operating with backpressure, the differential pressure is same as Set pressure, as the backpressure has no effect on spring adjustment.

b) Correction Due to Temperature:

In case, the fluid in test bench is at lower temperature compared to the Relieving Temperature of safety relief valve the CDTP is adjusted to compensate for variation in spring load. This is done by multiplying the differential pressure by Temperature correction factor - Kt(Table Below)

Temperature From	Temperature To	Temperature correction factor - Kt
Temp. below 66 °C	66 °C	1
67 °C	120 °C	1.01
121 °C	200 °C	1.02
201 °C	315 °C	1.03
316 °C	430 °C	1.04
430 °C	maximum	1.05

$$CDTP = (P1 - Pb) \times Kt$$

CDTP : Cold Differential Test Pressure

P1 : Set Pressure

Pb : **Constant** Back Pressure in case of conventional safety relief valve and 0 (Zero) in case of balanced (Below type) safety relief valve

Kt: Temperature correction factor (Table Above)

4.4.2 – Procedure for Checking and adjusting set pressure - CALIBRATION:

STEP 1 - Clamp the safety relief valve on the test bench.

STEP 2 - On the test bench, note the initial setting of the adjusting ring. Loosen the adjusting ring pin(07). Move the adjusting ring to top and then 2 notches down for obtaining a clear opening of the valve.


STEP 3 - Increase the pressure and note the pressure at which the safety relief valve starts to open.

STEP 4 - Drop the pressure on the safety relief valve by at least 50 % and adjust the spring compression, using adjustment screw (set screw) (06). If required, the spacer may be used between spring and set screw.

STEP 5 - Proceed as in STEP 3 and obtain the CDP by successive approaches. **Ensure that the pressure is dropped by 50 % before resetting the spring loading.**

STEP 6 - Adjust the adjusting ring as per setting noted in step 2.

STEP 7 - Tighten the adjusting ring pin (07), ensure that the adjusting ring pin is not pressing the ring and there is a small gap between the ring and the pin so as to have a free movement of adjusting ring between the two adjacent notches.



CAUTION

- Ensure that the pressure is dropped by 50 % before resetting the spring loading.
- The set pressure can be adjusted within $\pm 10\%$ of set pressure. For greater adjustment consult MEKASTER.
- Dial indicating pressure gauges used in testing shall be graduated over a range of about double the intended maximum test pressure, but in no case shall the range be less than 1.5 times nor more than 4 times that pressure. Digital reading pressure gauges having a wider range of pressure may be used provided the readings give the same or greater degree of accuracy as obtained with dial pressure gauges.
- Always use calibrated test pressure gauges.

4.4.3 – Procedure for Checking Seat Tightness

Safety relief valve seat tightness is checked as per API 527.

After 3 or 4 openings, reduce the pressure to 90% of the set pressure (For safety relief valves set to 3.45 bar g or less, the tightness test pressure will be the pressure setting minus 0.350 bar), close the outlet and measure the leakage rate for at-least one minute according to the standard API 527.

The valve with metal seat, the leakage rate in bubble per minute shall not exceed the appropriate value given in table below (as per table 1 of API 527)

Set Pressure		Leakage Rate for Effective Orifice size ≤ 0.307 inch sq (F orifice) (bubbles/min)	Leakage Rate for Effective Orifice size > 0.307 inch sq (F orifice) (bubbles/min)
PSI (G)	Kg/cm ² (G)		
15-1000	1-70	40	20
1500	105	60	30
2000	141	80	40
2500	176	100	50
3000	211	100	60
4000	281	100	80
5000	352	100	100
6000	422	100	100

4.5 – PROCEDURE FOR ADJUSTING RING SETTING

(Not applicable for Series-S14 Safety Relief Valves)

- If original adjustment of the nozzle-ring is too low for obtaining clean opening and working, raise the ring by one notch and repeat this procedure till desired result is achieved.
- If the safety valve closes slowly or leaks then nozzle ring must be lowered by one notch.
- If the blow down is high then lower the adjusting ring and if blow down is low the raise the adjusting ring.

Following procedure should be followed for adjusting ring settings:

STEP 1 – Drop the pressure on the safety relief valve by at least 50 %.

STEP 2 – Loosen the adjusting ring pin (07). Move the adjusting ring to the required setting. During first trial, for obtaining blow down within 5-7%, touch the nozzle ring to disc holder and then lower it by 5 notches.

STEP 3 – Tighten the adjusting ring pin (07), ensure that the adjusting ring pin is not pressing the ring and there is a small gap between the ring and the pin so as to have a free movement of adjusting ring between the two adjacent notches.

STEP 4 – Raise the pressure to open the valve for checking results of adjustment. If desired result is not obtained, repeat STEP 1 to 4 by lowering adjusting ring pin (07) by 3 to 5 notches each time.



- Ensure that the pressure is dropped by 50 % before resetting the spring loading.
- Ensure that the adjusting pin is not touching the ring and the ring is not revolving.

5 – TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE

Sr. No.	Common Trouble	Possible Cause	Remedy
1	Valve does not Open/Operate OR Opens at Pressure other than set pressure. OR Early popping/ passing/Leakage	Test Gag not removed	Remove Test Gag & replace it by Cap Plug
		Pressure Gauge used is not calibrated or of correct range	Use calibrated Pressure of correct range.
		Valve Set Pressure may be more/less than the Test pressure	Calibrate the valve. Make sure correct CDTP is calculated for testing on bench.
		Variable back pressure effect	Select bellow Type valve
		Interference due to vibrations from Rotary m/c & piping load.	Suppress vibrations at valve by additional support.
		Pressure differential between Op. pressure and leak test pressure is too low.	The CDTP and Leak Test Pressure of the PSVs should be increased.
2	Leakage at seat/passing	Foreign particle stuck Between seat surfaces /damaged seats	Remove foreign particle relap both Disc & Nozzle.
		Particles in test bench may have got stuck between seats.	Flush/purge Test bench before testing the valve.
3	Valve opens at set pressure but doesn't close within blow down range Or continues passing.	Nozzle ring is not adjusted for blow down. Blow down may be high.	Adjust the nozzle ring to a lower setting.
		Damaged seats/ foreign particle trapped in seat.	Remove foreign particle relap both Disc & Nozzle.
		Wrong valve orifice size	Valve with higher sized orifice may be required.
4	Leakage from joints of Body-Bonnet/Bonnet-Cap/Set Screw-Cap	Fasteners not properly tightened at the joints.	Tighten the joint fasteners
		Gasket may have got damaged.	Replaced the gaskets & tighten the joint fasteners
5	Valve flutters (opens and closes) in rapid sequence / chattering.	Blow-off quantity insufficient	install lower size valve
		Adjusting Ring may have risen too high.	Lower the Ad. Ring. & lock with Ring Pin.
6	Damage to the bellow / bellow gasket	Mechanical / defect.	Replaced bellow / bellow gasket by new one.
7	Bellow/Nozzle/Disc corrodes	Service medium is highly corrosive.	Upgrade the MOC of Bellow.
8	Popping sound is not proper	Blow-down ring is not at the right position.	Position of blow-down ring has to be changed.
9	Valve flutters (opens and closes) in rapid sequence / chattering.	Blow-off quantity insufficient	Lower the Ad. Ring. & lock with Ring Pin.
		Adjusting Ring may have risen too high.	install lower size valve

6 – SPARE PARTS

A safety relief valve needs to be overhauled, after prolonged or intensive use or exceptional working conditions. This overhauling should be carried out by our After Sales Service or by a approved repair company. In any case, in order to permit the user to carry out this overhaul in the shortest possible time, we recommend user to maintain inventory of following spare parts (for 10 identical safety relief valves):

- Set of internal Gaskets – 2 No
- Bellow assembly (If applicable) – 1 No
- Disc of seat – 1 No
- Nozzle – 1 No
- Spring assembly – 1 No

For critical services, a complete spare valve of each type may be kept as spare.



- Use genuine MEKASTER spare parts only.
- Valve serial number and valve code can be found on safety valve nameplate and on all documents from MEKASTER. In case of old installations, these two references are necessary for ordering spare components.

7 – OPERATION

- When the pressure under the disc is balanced by the force which is keeping it seated (this force being equal to the set pressure) the valve starts to open.
- Our valves are equipped with an **adjusting ring** when they are designed for use on gas or steam service. In these cases, the adjusting ring provokes complete opening almost instantaneously.
- Full opening of valves takes place at between set pressure and 10 % above the set pressure and blow down takes place at less than 7 % below set pressure.
- **Test Gag** an optional accessory of safety relief valves used for blocking the opening of valve. Some times bigger size valves are dispatched from factory with test gag fitted on cap of the valve to block movement of seat for preventing damages to the seat during transportation. If the test gag is provided on the valve cap, it must be removed and replaced by cap plug and plug gasket before testing/ installation. The valve will not open if test gag is fitted on the valve.

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- Balanced safety relief valves are incorporated with a **balanced bellow** for minimizing the effect of back pressure on the operational characteristics of the valve. It also prevents corrosive fluid from entering the bonnet and hence protects spring from corrosion. In Balanced safety relief valves the bonnet is vented for to allow free movement of the piston of the valve.
- In order to avoid solidification of the fluid in certain process lines, safety relief valves may be supplied with a **steam jacket** as optional accessory.