

Statement of Performance

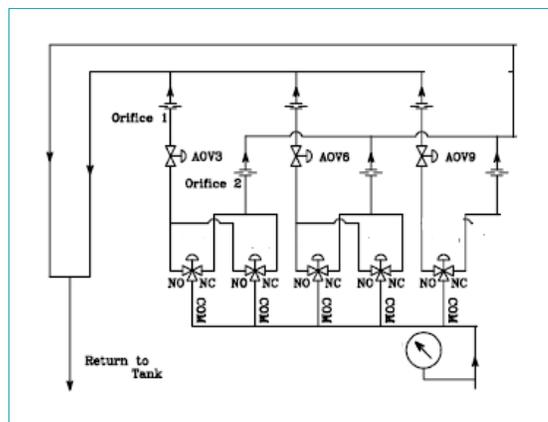
Furon® HPV, 3-Way (Mini) Valve Cycling Test

An accelerated life test was conducted on Furon HPV3 (mini) valves, which were subjected to 1,000,000 cycles.

Accelerated Life Test Method

A set of Furon HPV, 3-way mini valves were assembled in a manifold set (**Figure 1**). Each valve was cycled 3 seconds open and 3 seconds closed at room temperature with an actuator pressure of 70 psig. The pressure of the deionized (DI) water running through the valve was set at 80 psig. At regular cycle intervals the valves were removed from the manifold and examined to ensure they retained pressure capabilities and performance integrity.

Figure 1



Throughout the test the valves were evaluated for cracking pressure and internal leakage at each of the ports using the same logic. Internal leak testing was conducted by positioning the valves in a vertical orientation with the test ports down. Degassed ultrapure water then flowed upward through the valves. The valves were opened and closed several times and agitated to evacuate air bubbles. The valves were then left closed. The downward facing test ports were drained of water and pressurized with clean dry air (CDA). The upward facing ports were plumbed to a bubble trap to monitor any air leaks past the seat. This procedure was repeated for both the inlet and outlet ports of each valve in agreement with the pressure requirements of 100 psi for the forward pressure and 80 psi for the back pressure. Crack pressure testing was conducted by plumbing a variable pressure CDA supply to the test port of a closed valve and a pressure gage to the other port. CDA pressure was slowly increased to a maximum of 100 psi, or until the pressure gage at the other port increased, indicating a bypass. The CDA pressure required to cause the bypass was then recorded.

Summary

Furon HPV3 (mini) valves were successfully exposed to 1,000,000 cycles in an accelerated life test without suffering any major performance loss. All tested parameters completed at fixed intervals were acceptable and in line with the valve specification.

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