prescal - series 300

pressure reducing valve

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Introduction

The prescal - series 300 is an automatic, pilot controlled, pressure reducing valve utilising the upstream and downstream pressures.

The valve reduces the upstream pressure to a constant, predetermined downstream pressure regardless of fluctuations in upstream pressure and flowrate.

Should the downstream pressure exceed the predetermined pressure, for example if the flow is isolated the valve closes automatically.

Design

The prescal - series 300 has the capability to regulate to near zero flow, as a standard feature on all sizes, eliminating the need for special low flow devices or bypasses.

The valve has an internal floating shaft, reducing friction and eliminating the need for additional stem seals.

The guided disc has a resilient facing for improved isolation and resistance to erosions.

During valve closure, the rate slows as the disc approaches the closed position minimising the effects of 'water hammer' or pressure surge.

The body and cover are made from ductile iron for increased mechanical strength.

How It Works

The pilot valves and connecting pipework are assembled to the valve connecting the upstream and downstream ports of the valve.

There are two restrictors in the circuit;

a a nozzle or needle valve set at a fixed position.

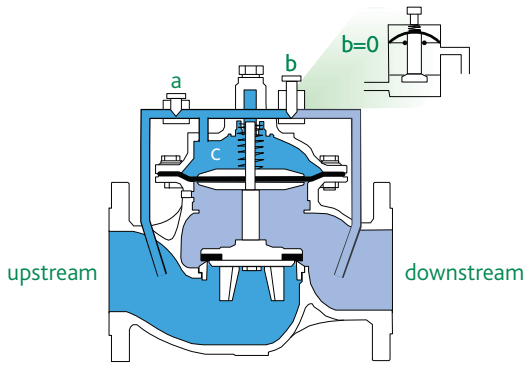
b a modulating pilot valve with a variable flow path from complete closure (b) = 0 to full open when (b) > (a).

The volume of water in the control chamber (c) is determined by the relative flow orifices in (a) and (b), or by the opening of (b) as (a) is fixed.

Valve Closed

Pilot valve (b) senses a downstream pressure higher than the set pressure and fully closes passage (b).

Since modulating pilot valve (b) is now closed the flow from the upstream side flows through (a) into the upper part of the control valve chamber (c), forcing the diaphragm to close the valve.



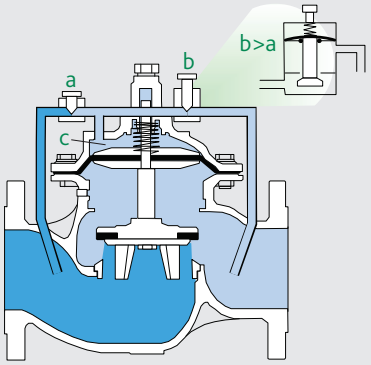
valve closed

Valve Open

Pilot valve (b) senses a downstream pressure lower than the set point and fully opens passage (b), larger than (a).

All the water from the upstream flows through (a) and (b), directly to the downstream, allowing the water from the upper control chamber (c) to partially drain until the pressure in the chamber equals the downstream pressure.

Pressure in the upper part of the control chamber is decreased and the upstream water pressure forces the disc to rise opening the valve.



valve open

Valve Regulating

The pilot valve is set to the required downstream set pressure.

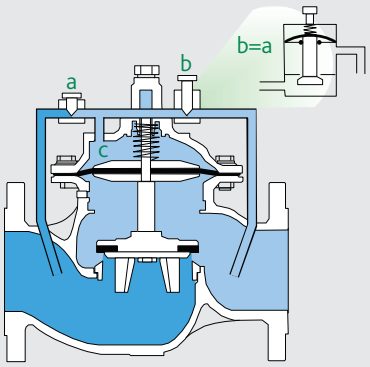
Pilot valve (b) senses when the downstream pressure reaches the set pressure causing the passage (b) to equal passage (a) b = a.

Now water that flows through the control pipework passes from (a), through (b) and into the downstream port.

The water in the upper part of the control chamber (c) is now constant, keeping the diaphragm and disc in a fixed position.

Any change in the downstream pressure will change the b = a balance.

This change adds or drains water from the upper part of the control chamber (c), thus opening or closing the main valve until it reaches the balance regulating position again when b = a.



valve regulating

The 2-way control system provides sensitive, accurate and constant modulation of the main control valve.

The main control valve does not full open preventing total draining of the upper part of the control chamber (c).

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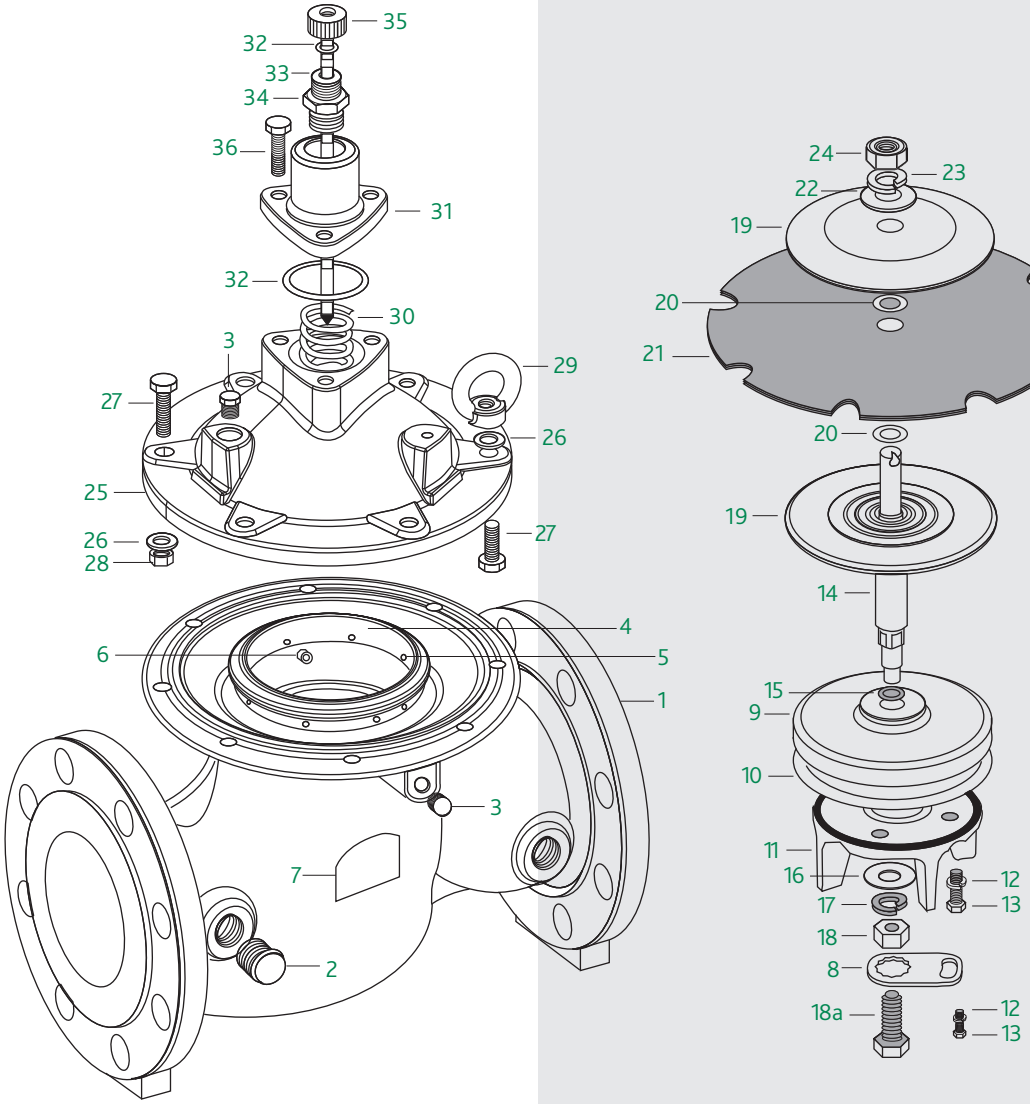
Components - Basic Valve



Item	Component	Material
1	Body	Ductile iron
2	Plug	Brass
3	Plug	Brass
4	Body seat	Stainless steel
5	Seat locking bolt	304 stainless steel
6	Seat locking bolt long	304 stainless steel
7	Nameplate	Aluminium
8≠	Bolt locking plate	Stainless steel
9	Disc	Ductile iron
10	Disk facing	Rubber
11	Disc guide	Bronze + St Steel
12	Spring washer	316 stainless steel

Item	Component	Material
13	Bolt	316 stainless steel
14	Stem	303 stainless steel
15	'O' ring	Rubber
16	Washer	316 stainless steel
17	Spring washer	316 stainless steel
18≈	Nut	316 stainless steel
18a≠	Bolt	316 stainless steel
19	Diaphragm disc	Ductile iron
20	'O' ring	Ductile iron
21	Diaphragm	Rubber
22	Washer	316 stainless steel
23	Spring washer	316 stainless steel

Item	Component	Material
24	Nut	316 stainless steel
25	Cover	Ductile iron
26*	Washer	Stainless steel
27*	Bolt	Stainless steel
28*	Nut	Stainless steel
29	Lifting nut	Steel
30	Spring	302 stainless steel
31	Guide cover	Brass/Bronze
32	'O' ring	Rubber
33	'O' ring	Rubber
34	Adaptor	Brass
35	Air release nut	Brass
36	Guide cover bolts	Steel

≠ DN50 & DN150 sizes
≈ DN80 & DN100 sizes
* DN50 to DN200 sizes

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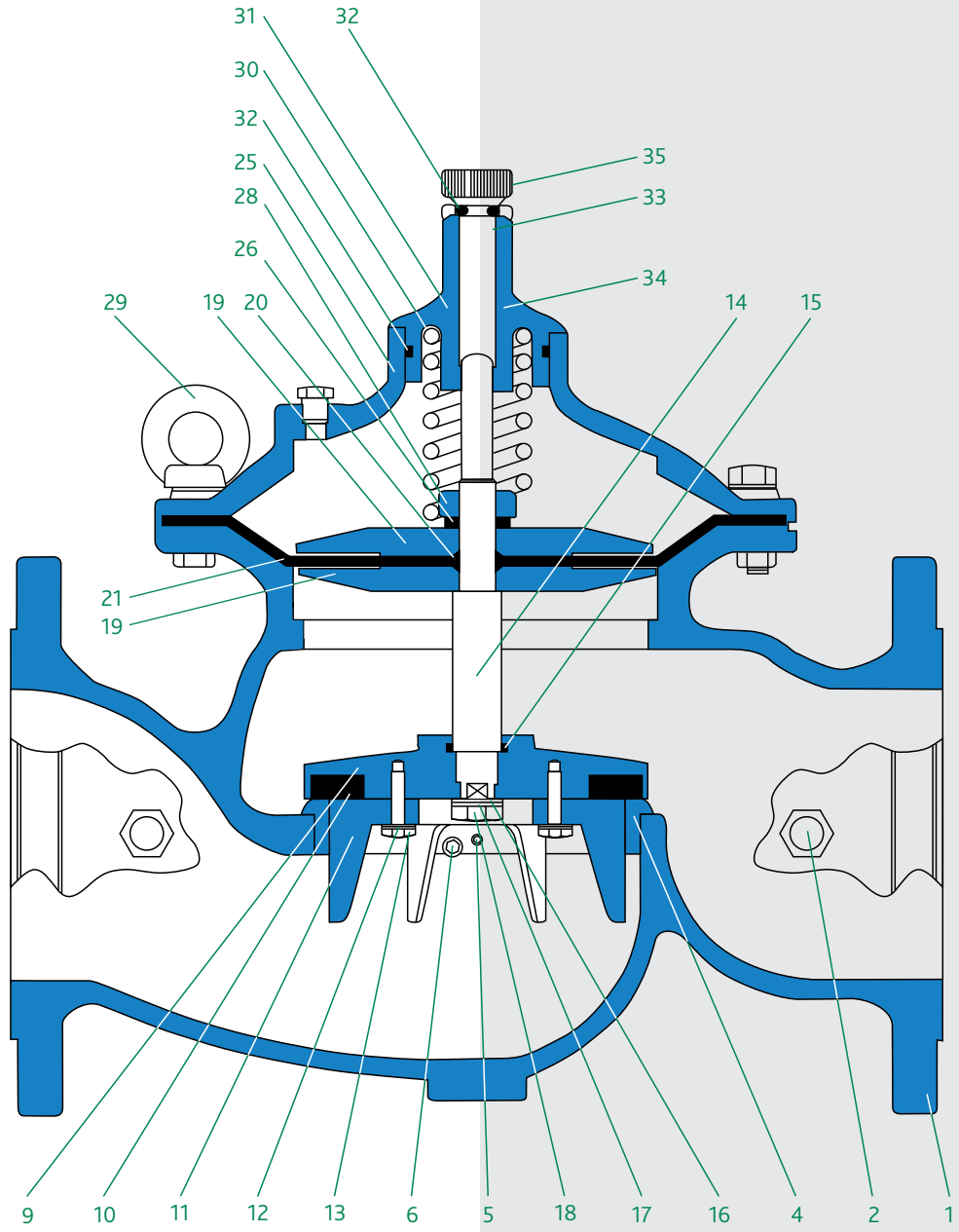

Item numbers as exploded view.

Technical Data

Max inlet pressure:	16 bar
Max working temperature:	85°C
Medium:	potable water
Flanged PN16:	BS EN 1092-2
Face to Face:	BS EN 558 series 1

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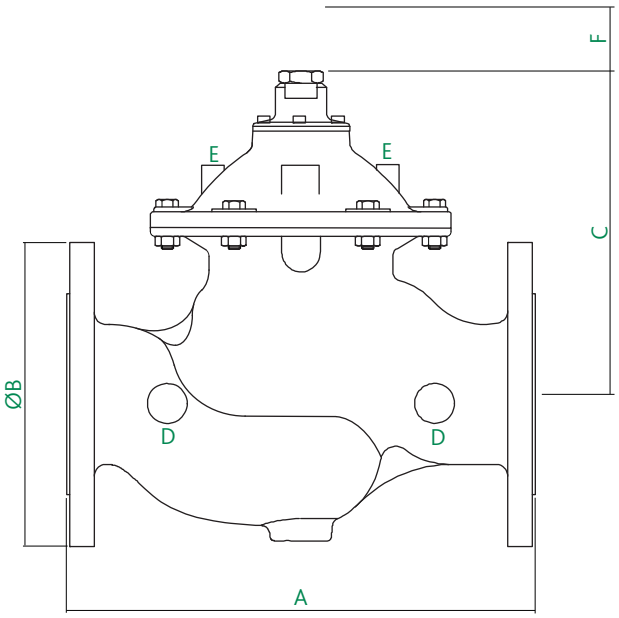
Dimensions - Basic Valve

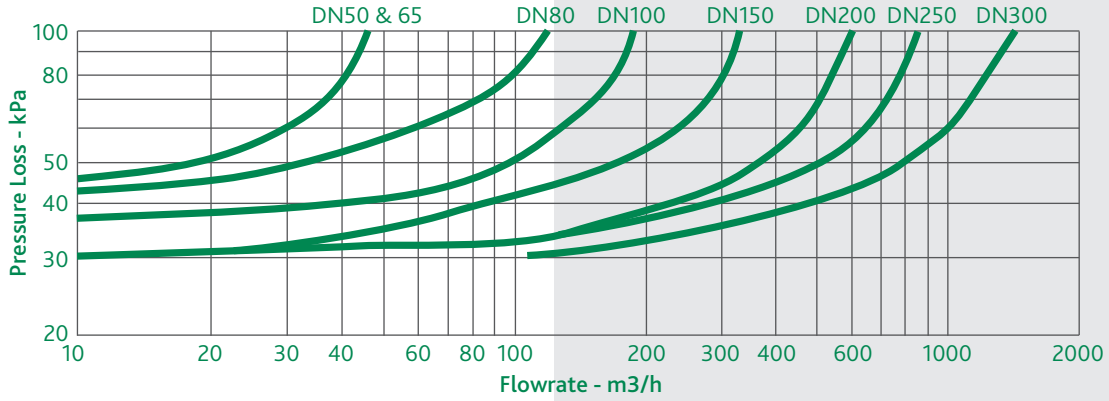


Dimensions - Basic Valve

Prod Code	A	B	C	D NPT	E NPT	F*
FL-30050	230	165	185	½"	¼"	140
FL-30065	292	185	185	½"	¼"	140
FL-30080	310	200	230	½"	¼"	170
FL-300100	350	220	240	½"	¼"	180
FL-300150	480	285	330	½"	¼" & ½"	230
FL-300200	600	345	390	½"	½"	300
FL-300250	730	410	520	½"	½"	390
FL-300300	850	460	635	½"	½"	450

NOTE: * Minimum space required for maintenance and to allow for the pilot valve, pipework and fittings, which can exceed the width and height of the valve.
The dimensions above are for the basic valve and should only be used as the starting point when estimating the required space.

Hydraulic Characteristics of Pressure Reducing Valve



Characteristics	Units	DN50	DN65	DN80	DN100	DN150	DN200	DN250	DN300
Max. recommended flowrate for continuous operation Flow velocity = 5.5m/s	m^3/h	40	40	90	160	350	480	970	1400
Min. recommended flowrate	m^3/h	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Kv	m^3/h	43	43	103	167	407	676	1160	1600
Control chamber volume	l	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.7	1.5	4.3	9.7	18.6
Weight	kg	12	13	22	37	80	157	245	405

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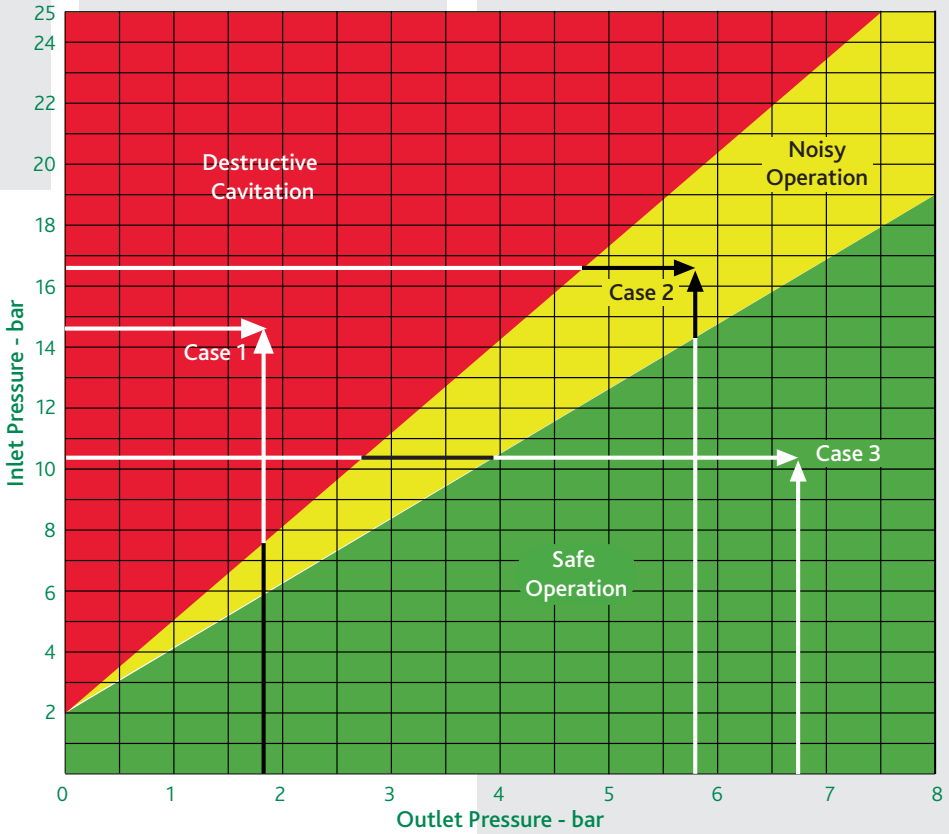
Cavitation Data



Cavitation

Pressure reducing valves have the capability to significantly reduce a varying inlet pressure to a much lower and constant outlet pressure.

However, depending upon the inlet pressure the required pressure loss to achieve the required outlet pressure can create noise, vibration and in extreme cases cavitation.

Depending upon the level of cavitation, noise can be generated along with vibration and possible cavitation damage to the valve body and down stream pipework.

The chart above sets out the safe limits for operating the prescal - series 300 pressure reducing valve.

How to use the chart

- Determine the maximum dynamic pressure that may be applied in the inlet port of the valve.
- Draw a horizontal line from the pressure scale at the left side of the chart.
- Determine the required outlet pressure.
- Draw a vertical line from the pressure scale at the bottom of the chart.

How to use the chart

- The intersection of these two lines determines the cavitation characteristic of the valve when operating.
- When the intersection falls into the RED zone - Case 1, the valve may be damaged in a fairly short time and choked flow may occur.

  The valve should not be used under these conditions.
- When the intersection falls into the YELLOW zone - Case 2, the valve may generate noise that exceeds 80 db and some vibration may be present.

  The valve can be used in this zone but with caution.
- When the intersection falls into the GREEN zone - Case 3, the valve will perform safely and quietly

Note: The cavitation and noise data are based upon tests carried out by the Utah State University in the USA and Deft Hydraulic Laboratories in Holland.

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