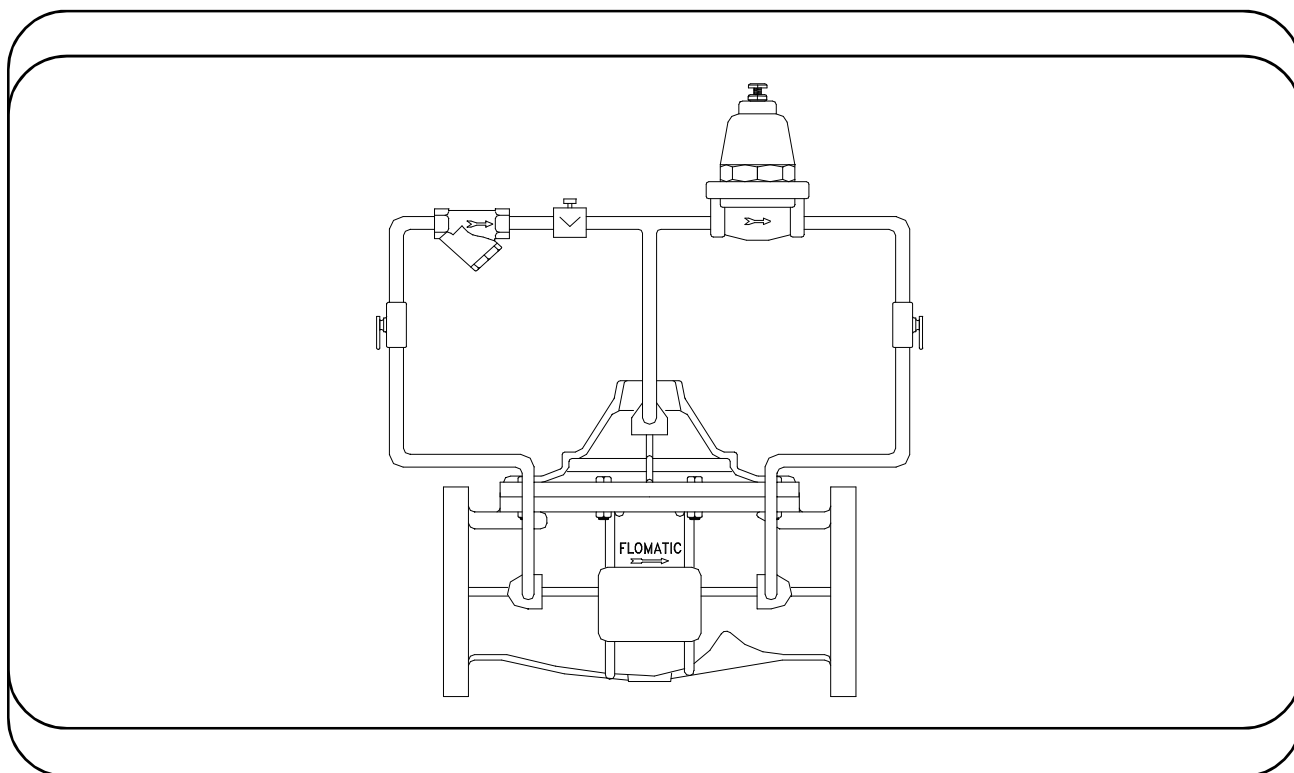




# Operation & Maintenance Manual

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## *Model C201-Single Acting (One Way) Altitude Valve (modulating type)*

### ***YOUR PRODUCT INFORMATION:***

***Model Number:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Date:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Serial Number:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Valve Size:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Factory Pilot Preset:*** \_\_\_\_\_ *psi*

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## SINGLE ACTING (ONE WAY) ALTITUDE VALVE (MODULATING TYPE)

The Model C201 Single Acting Altitude Valve closes at a preset maximum water level to prevent overflow of a ground storage tank or reservoir and opens to refill when the water level in the tank or reservoir lowers.

This type of Altitude Valve should be used when the supply pressure is appreciably higher (15 psi+) than the head developed by a full ground storage tank or reservoir.

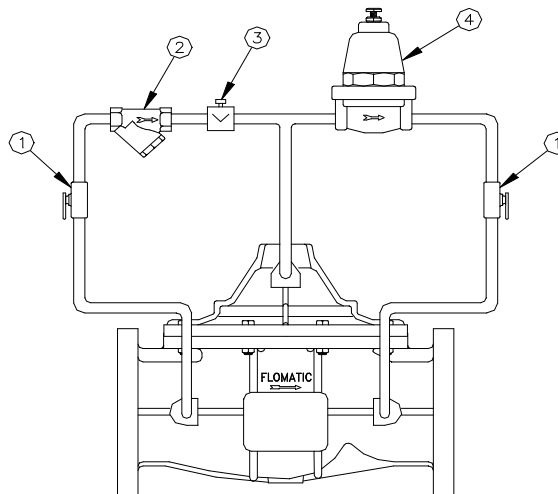
Flow from the tank or reservoir is usually to a zone of lower pressure or through a booster pump back to the supply.

The modulating effect is evident only over the last few inches of filling so that a very gradual closure is achieved. Because of this modulating effect, the filling rate will be relatively slow as the tank or reservoir water level approaches shut off elevation.

**CAUTION:** If the altitude valve is not installed immediately adjacent to the tank, reservoir, or basin; or if a high filling rate is anticipated; or if the tank has an overhead fill, a separate static pressure sensing line should be installed between the altitude pilot valve and the tank or reservoir to insure that the altitude pilot valve accurately senses the true tank head.

### Part List

1. Shut-Off Valve
2. Strainer
3. Needle Valve (or Orifice)
4. Pilot Valve
5. Finger Strainer



### **SHIPMENT:**

When shipped, controls are usually mounted on the main valve. If control subassemblies are shipped separately, all connections are tagged to insure correct assembly.

### **INSTALLATION:**

1. Flush the pipeline before inserting the valve.
2. Install the valve with the "arrow" on body pointing in the direction of flow (usually towards the tank or reservoir).
3. Attach subassemblies to main valve if necessary.
4. Install 1/4" pet cocks at the backside of valve.
5. Allow enough clearance above valve for removal of piston assembly.

### **START-UP:**

1. Install pressure gauges to inlet and outlet.
2. Open both shut-off valves on the control assembly.
3. Open 1/8" air bleeder at the top of the valve. (Re-close after step 4 or step 5.)
4. Open main line shut-off valve (usually a gate or butterfly valve) on the outlet side of the main valve about 1/4 open.
5. Slowly open main line shut-off valve on the inlet side and observe pressure gauges. When the outlet pressure gauge shows that the downstream pressure is being controlled, this shut-off valve may be opened more rapidly.
6. If the outlet pressure requires adjustment, turn the adjusting screw of the pilot valve counter clockwise to decrease, clockwise to increase. **CAUTION:** any adjustment should be done slowly.

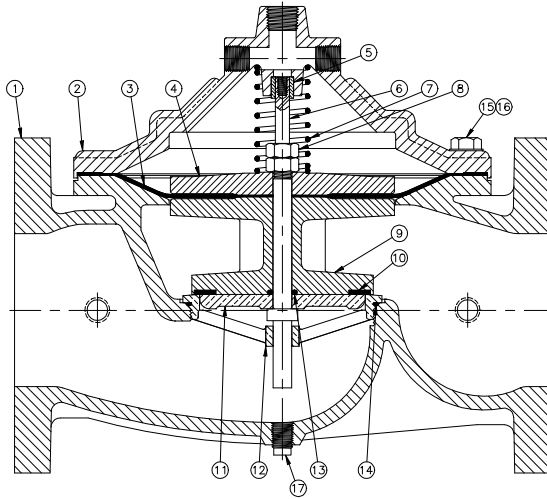
**Information needed to order replacement parts:**

Valve Size \_\_\_\_\_

Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

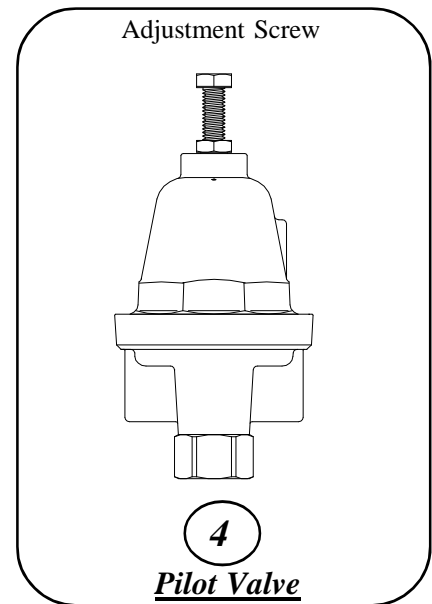
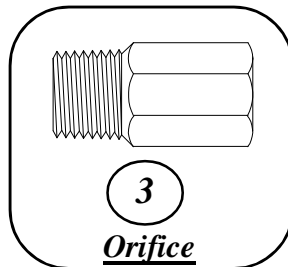
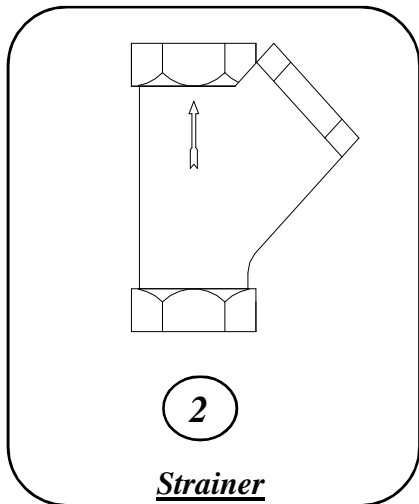
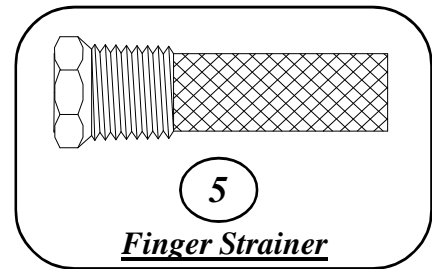
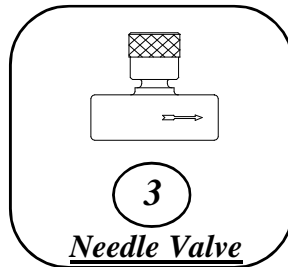
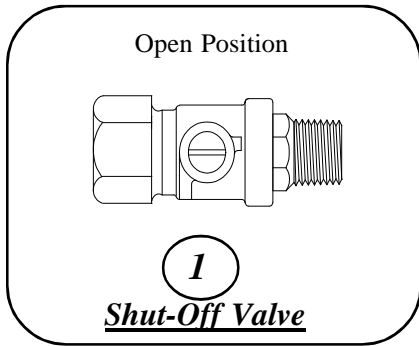
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**Main Valve**



ITEM	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL
1	1	BODY	DUCTILE IRON
2	1	COVER	DUCTILE IRON
3	1	DIAPHRAGM	NITRILE/NYLON
4	1	DIAPHRAGM PLATE	CAST IRON
5	1	BUSHING	BRONZE
6	1	STEM	STAINLESS STEEL
7	1	SPRING	STAINLESS STEEL
8	2	STEM NUT	STAINLESS STEEL
9	1	SPOOL	CAST IRON
10	1	SEAT SEAL	BUNA-N
11	1	SEAT PLATE	FEDERALLOY
12	1	SEAT RING	FEDERALLOY
13	1	STEM O-RING	BUNA-N
14	1	SEAT RING O-RING	BUNA-N
15	A/R	BOLT & NUT	STAINLESS STEEL
16	A/R	WASHER	STAINLESS STEEL
17	1	DRAIN PLUG	STAINLESS STEEL

**Exterior Valve Components**



## TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE

### A. PROBLEM : Valve opens and will not close resulting in excessive outlet pressure.

#### CAUSE

1. Main valve is air bound.
2. Shut-off (isolation) valve at the outlet side of control is closed.
3. Indicator stuffing box or sight glass is leaking.
4. Ruptured diaphragm in pilot valve. (Evidenced by leak from vent hole in spring chamber.)
5. Fouled orifice or needle valve.
6. Fouled strainer.
7. Damaged pilot valve seat.
8. Ruptured diaphragm in main valve.
9. Sticks or stones lodged under seat of main valve.
10. Worn seat packing and/or seat ring in main valve.
11. Incorrect adjustment of pilot valve (set too high).
12. Leakage from one or more fittings in the controls.
13. Damaged O-ring stem seal.

#### CORRECTION

1. Open 1/8" air bleeder at the top of valve to release air.
2. Open shut-off valve.
3. Tighten packing nut or replace packing seals.
4. Replace diaphragm.
5. Open needle valve wide (counter clockwise) to flush seat, & after 4 or 5 seconds return to original setting, or remove and clean orifice.
6. Disassemble, clean or replace screen.
7. Disassemble, clean and replace damaged parts.
8. Disassemble and replace diaphragm.
9. Disassemble and remove. Replace damaged parts.
10. Disassemble and replace damaged parts.
11. For back pressure valve turn adjusting screw counter clockwise slowly until valve resumes control and the desired outlet pressure is obtained.
12. Tighten or replace fitting.
13. Disassemble and replace O-ring.

### B. PROBLEM: Valve is closed and will not open.

1. Incorrect adjustment of pilot valve. (Set too low)
2. Needle valve (if installed) open too far.
3. Shut off (isolation) valve at the outlet side of the controls is closed.
4. Fouled pilot valve
5. Worn or eroded orifice (or needle valve seat).

1. Turn pilot valve adjusting screw clockwise slowly until the valve opens and the desired outlet pressure is obtained.
2. Turn adjusting cap clockwise slowly until valve opens and a reduced outlet pressure is observed. Lock in this position.
3. Open shut-off (isolation) valve.
4. Disassemble and clean, replace seat ring/packing is necessary.
5. Replace orifice (or needle valve).

### C. PROBLEM: Valve hunts or chatters (evidenced by rapidly changing outlet pressure).

1. Valve is oversized.
2. Flow control valve (or needle-valve at the outlet side of controls) is out of adjustment.
3. Pilot valve seat packing is damaged.

1. Install a smaller pressure reducing valve in a bypass around the oversized valve to handle low flows and provide better control.
2. Slowly turn adjusting cap counter clockwise until the outlet pressure becomes steady.
3. Replace seat packing.

## Test To Isolate Source Of Problem

(After visual inspection of external leaks)

1. With the main line gate valves open and the reducing valve pressurized, close the control shut-off (isolation) valve at the outlet side of the pressure reducing pilot control. **THE MAIN VALVE SHOULD CLOSE.**

#### **If the valve remains fully open the source of the problem could be:**

*(A) fouled orifice or needle; (B) fouled strainer; (C) control shut off valve at inlet is closed; (D) ruptured main valve diaphragm.*

#### **If the valve is partially closed the source of the problem could be:**

*(A) damaged: main valve seat packing or seat ring; (B) debris under seat; (C) main valve is air-bound; (D) damaged stem O-ring.*

#### **If the valve closes fully, the source of the problem could be:**

*(A) pilot valve out of adjustment; (B) damaged pilot valve stem or set ring; (C) partially fouled strainer or needle valve.*

2. With the main line gate valves open and the reducing valve pressurized, close both shut-off (isolation) valves and open the air bleeder pet cock to release water out of the power chamber above the diaphragm of the reducing valve. Water will flow from the pet cock as the valve moves to the full open position.

#### **If water continues to flow, the source of the problem could be:**

*(A) damaged: main valve diaphragm or stem seal O-ring; (B) loose locknut.*