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## Recent Developments in Compressed Gas Cylinder Valve Technology

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# Major Advances in the 1980's

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- The Restrictive Flow Orifice
- Air Actuated Valves
- The DISS Series of Connections
- Diaphragm Seal Enhancements
- Material of Construction Enhancements



# First – A Quick Look Back in Time at 80 Years of Industrial Valves

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- **O Ring Seal Type Valves**
- **Early Packed Valves**
- **Diaphragm Packless Valves**
- **Later Style Packed Valves**
- **Springless Diaphragm Valves**



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# The Restrictive Flow Orifice

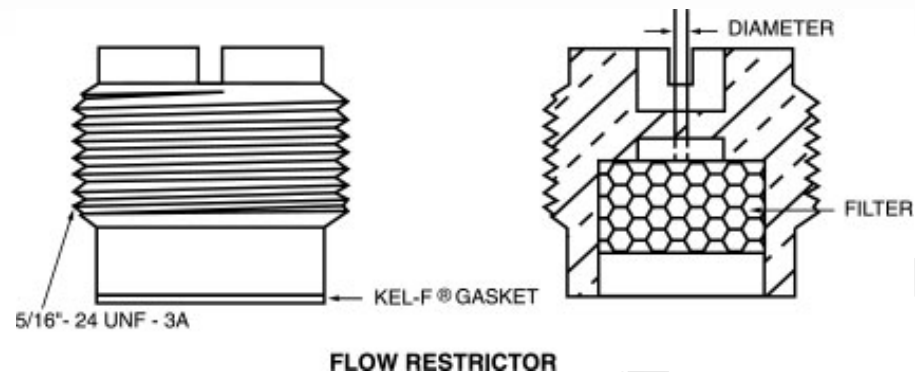
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- Concept dates back to 1982 prior to use of gas cabinets
- Pioneering paper written by Matheson Tri Gas and Superior Valve in 1983 presented at SEMI Conference
- First applications were AsH<sub>3</sub>, PH<sub>3</sub>, SiH<sub>4</sub> and mixtures with pressures @ 2000 psig
- Flow reduced from 20,000 l/min → 200 l/min
- Original designs were 0.010 inch with a 2 micron filter and 0.006 inch with a 0.5 micron filter
- Larger orifices used for corrosive gases without filters
- Accepted and used at semiconductor facilities



# Restrictive Flow Orifice Schematic

- Schematic



# Air Actuated Valves

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- Design dates back to mid 1980's, prior to widespread use of gas cabinets
- First designs from Superior Valve. Martin Valve, Ceodeux Valve, and other designs followed.
- Actuation pressure originally 150 psig
- Then lowered to 75 psig to utilize plant air or nitrogen
- Suitable for use with diaphragm and packed seal designs
- Usage peaked in the late 1980's in the US
- Uses today focused on electronic grade fills of ton containers





# DISS Series of Connections

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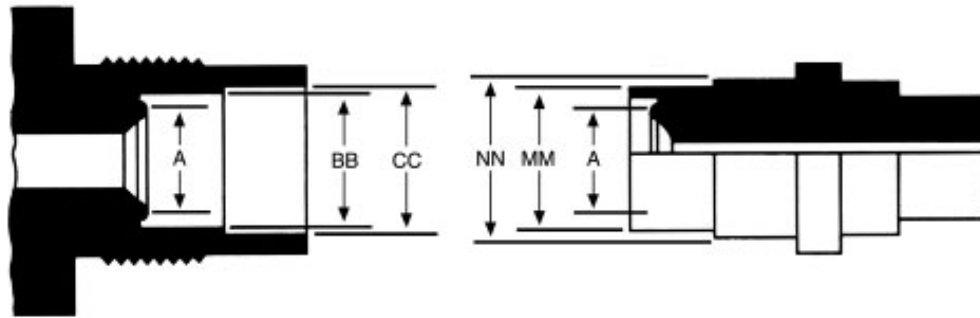
- Request made to the CGA in mid 1980's
- Connection capable of  $1.00 \times 10^{-9}$  ccHe/sec leakrate
- Right Hand Connection capable of 3000 psig
- Originally for hydrides and mixtures used in fabs
- Usage expanded to corrosive & halocarbon gases
- Two series of connections: DISS 630 & 710 in CGA V-1
- Face seal connection
- Multiplicity by varying diameters of outlet & nipple
- Accepted by ISO as an International Standard





# DISS Schematic

- Schematic

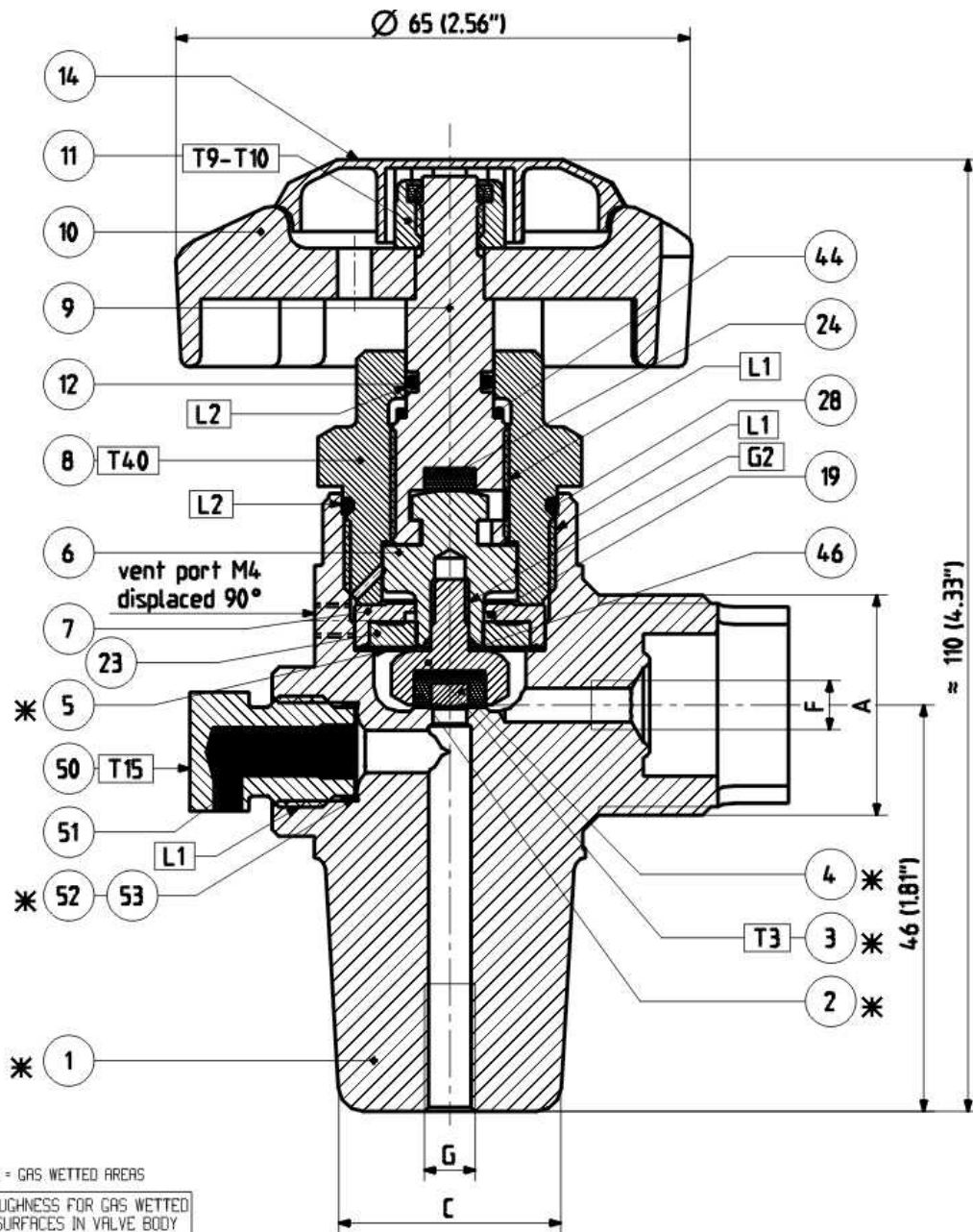


# Valve Seal Enhancements

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- Basic designs – O Ring Seal, Diaphragm, & Packed
- Enhancements needed for semiconductor users
- Need for packed valve with handwheel
- Diaphragm valves without a spring for corrosives
- Springless diaphragm design became available in 1990
- Utilized with both high & low pressure gases
- Suitable for use with corrosive gases as well as hydrides.
- Widely accepted worldwide

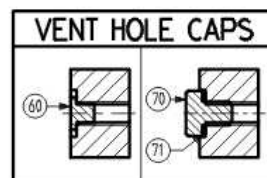




\* = GAS WETTED AREAS

✓ ROUGHNESS FOR GAS WETTED SURFACES IN VALVE BODY  
 $R_a \leq 0,4$  microns FOR CAVITY  
 $R_a \leq 0,8$  microns FOR OUTLET-INLET HOLES

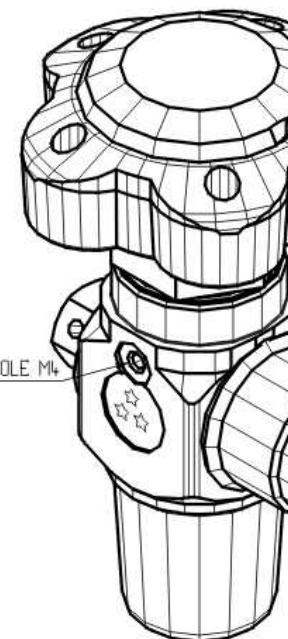
MATERIALS		STANDARD
AISI 316L	W. Nr. 1.4435	EN 10 088-3
HASTELLOY	W. Nr. 2.4602.40	VdTUV BI.479



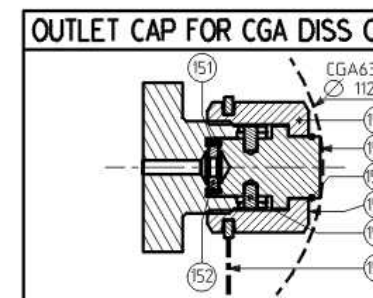
WORKING PRESSURE	200 bar / 3000psi	
LEAK RATES (mbar.l/s)	INTERNAL	$\leq 1 \times 10^{-8}$
	EXTERNAL	$\leq 1 \times 10^{-8}$
	SAFETY	$\leq 1 \times 10^{-8}$
OPERATION TORQUE	3-4 Nm / 2.25-3 ft-lbs	
FLOW COEFFICIENT	$C_v : 0.25$	
SEAT ORIFICE SIZE	4 mm / 0.16 inches	
TEMPERATURE RANGE	-20°C...70°C / -4°F...158°F	

MARKINGS	
TYPE	YES
MATERIAL	YES
MANUFACTURING DATE	MM / JJ
MANUFACTURER LOGO:	3 STARS ☆☆☆
MANUFACTURER IDENT.-NUMBER	YES
WEIGHT	NO
OUTLET CONNECTION	YES
INLET CONNECTION	YES
SEAT MATERIAL	YES
APPROVAL NUMBER	ONLY FOR GERMANY

VENT HOLE M4



LUBRICANTS NON GAS WETTED PARTS	L1	L2	
THREAD LOCKING	G2		
TORQUES	T3	T40	T15 T9-T10



## BASIC DESIGN

Drawing updated		IF
Ind. No. Mod.	Modification	Mod.
Matiere :		Designation : HIGH PRESSURE TIED DIAPHRAGM SEAL TYPE FOR ULTRA HIGH PURITY GAS
Echelle : 3:2		Art. :
Date : 5.11.99		Mat.P
Dessine : Geoff.P.		Plan No. :
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CEODEUX ★ Ultra Pure Equipment		

# Material of Construction Enhancements

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- 1980's: Brass, Al-Si-Br, 303 SS
- 1990's: Brass, Al-Si-Br, 303SS, 316LSS
- 2000's: Above + Hastelloy & Nickel

Definite trend towards stainless steels and  
“exotic” metals for corrosive gas services



# Two Persistent Problems & Their Solutions

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- Seat & Neck Leakers
- Silane Poppers



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- **Seat Leaks and Neck Leaks**
  - Torque is critical component in each case
  - Handwheels may need 8-10 ft lbs
  - Outlet caps generally require 35 ft lbs.
  - Check gauging of valve/cylinder threads before valving
  - Do not overuse or overwrap with PTFE tape or lubricant
- **Silane Poppers**
  - Much can be done at the time of filling
  - Double closure of the cylinder valve is important after manifold blowdown
  - Handwheel torque of 8-10 ft lbs is recommended
  - Purge outlet prior to capping off
  - Torque outlet to the recommended torque setting



# Relief from Pressure!

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- **Pressure Relief Device Requirements vary by National Bodies**
- In US, half of gases require prd's
- In Europe, most gases do not require prd's
- Some Asian requirements are unique
- Trend predicated by philosophy of fire-fighting brigades
- Trend globally is to optionalize the use of prd's to a greater extent
- Points of interest
  - Most gases with  $LC50 < 200$  ppm do not have prd's
  - When prd's are required, as toxicity or the hazard of the gas increases, the greater will be the desire to contain the gas.
  - Simple asphyxiants utilize an unbacked pressure disc
  - Flammable gases and corrosive gases utilize a pressure disc & a thermal element



# Thank You For Your Kind Attention!

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- It was a “pressure” to be with you at the 2005 AIGA Technical Seminar!



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