

# FE25, FE50

# Low-pressure gas regulator



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# **1 - INTRODUCTION**

# FOREWORD

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# **GENERAL REMARKS**

All the operating, maintenance instructions and recommendations described in this manual must be adhered to in order to:

- obtain the best possible performance from the equipment;
- keep the equipment in efficient conditions.
- Training the personnel in charge is essential in order to:
- properly use the equipment;
- correctly apply the safety alerts and procedures recommended.

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# **2 - GENERAL INFORMATION**

# 2.1 - MANUFACTURER IDENTIFICATION

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# 2.2 - IDENTIFICATION OF THE PRODUCT

Equipment	LOW-PRESSURE GAS REGULATOR	
Series	FE	
Available models	<ul><li>FE25</li><li>FE50</li></ul>	
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# 2.3 - REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

PIETRO FIORENTINI S.P.A. with registered office in Arcugnano (Italy) - Via E. Fermi, 8/10, declares that the equipment of FE25, FE50 subject of this manual is designed, manufactured, tested and controlled, as far as applicable, in compliance with the requirements of the standards: EN 16129, UNI 11655, ANSI B109.4 and CSA 6.18. ANSI Z21.80 is limited to 0.7 bar maximum inlet pressure.

Leakage class: airtight, higher than VII according to ANSI/FCI 70-3.

# NOTICE

For specific type approvals, see the appropriate section on the Manufacturer's website: https://www.fiorentini.com

# 2.4 - WARRANTY

PIETRO FIORENTINI S.P.A. guarantees that the equipment was manufactured using the best materials, with high quality workmanship, and complies with the quality requirements, specifications and performance set out in the order.

The warranty shall be considered null and void and PIETRO FIORENTINI S.P.A. shall not be liable for any damage and/or malfunctions:

- due to any acts or omissions of the purchaser or end-user, or any of their carriers, employees, agents, or any third party or entity;
- in the event that the purchaser, or a third party, makes changes to the equipment supplied by PIETRO FIORENTINI S.P.A. without the prior written approval of the latter;
- in the event of failure by the purchaser to comply with the instructions contained in this manual, as provided by PIETRO FIORENTINI S.P.A.



The warranty conditions are specified in the commercial contract.



# 2.5 - ADDRESSEES, SUPPLY AND STORAGE OF THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

The instruction manual is intended for qualified technicians responsible for operating and managing the equipment throughout its service life.

It contains the necessary information to properly use the equipment and keep its functional and qualitative characteristics unchanged over time. All information and warnings for safe, correct use are also provided.

The instruction manual, as well as the declaration of conformity and/or test certificate, is an integral part of the equipment and must always accompany it whenever it is moved or resold. It is up to the user to keep this documentation intact for reference throughout the lifespan of the equipment.

# **A**WARNING

Removing, rewriting or editing the pages of the manual and their contents is not allowed.

Keep the instruction manual near the equipment, in an accessible place known by all qualified technicians involved in using and running it.

**PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A.** shall not be held liable for any damage to people, animals and property caused by failure to adhere to the warnings and operating procedures described in this instruction manual.

# 2.6 - LANGUAGE

The original instruction manual was drawn up in Italian. Any translations into additional languages are to be made from the original instruction manual.

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The translations into other languages cannot be fully verified. If any inconsistency is found, please refer to the original instruction manual.

If inconsistencies are found or the text does not make sense:

- stop any actions;
- immediately contact PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A. at the addresses specified in paragraph 2.1.

#### **A**WARNING

PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A. shall be held liable for the information provided in the original manual only.



# 2.7 - SYMBOLS USED IN THE MANUAL

Throughout the manual, symbols (some of them conforming to ANSI Z535.4) are used for:

- emphasise relevant information;
- draw attention to the correct and safe use of the machine.

Symbol	Definition
	Symbol used to identify important warnings for the safety of the operator and/or equipment.
	Symbol used to identify information of particular importance in the instruction manual. The information may also concern the safety of the personnel involved in using the equipment.
	Obligation to refer to the manual. Indicates a requirement for the personnel to refer to (and understand) the instruction manual before working with or on the equipment.

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# **A** DANGER

DANGER - Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious harm.

# **A**WARNING

WARNING - Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

# **ACAUTION**

ATTENTION - Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate damage.

# NOTICE

NOTICE - It is used to deal with practices not related to physical injury.

#### SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS (or equivalent) - These are signs indicating specific instructions or procedures relating to safety.



# 2.8 - NAMEPLATES APPLIED

# **A**WARNING

#### Removing nameplates and/or replacing them with other plates is strictly not allowed. Should the plates be unintentionally damaged or removed, the customer must notify PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A.

The equipment and its accessories are provided with nameplates.

The nameplates specify identification details of the equipment and its accessories to be provided, if necessary, to PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A.

List of the nameplates applied:

ld.	Туре	Image
1	CSA SAFETY DIAPHRAGMS VERSION	T amb: -30°C/+65°C -22°F/+150°F T gas: -20°C/+65°C -4°F/+150°F <u>SAFETY DIAPHRAGMS</u> CSA 6.22 / ANSI Z21.80 ANSI B109.4
2	CSA ARCTIC AND SAFETY DIAPHRAGMS VERSION	ARCTIC VERSION           T amb: -40°C/+65°C -40°F/+150°F           T gas: -30°C/+65°C -22°F/+150F           SAFETY DIAPHRAGMS           CSA 6.22 / ANSI Z21.80           ANSI B109.4           CSA 6.18           MC APPROVAL nr: AG-0522
3	STANDARD TOKEN RELIEF	STANDARD TOKEN RELIEF
4	CALIBRATED RELIEF	CALIBRATED RELIEF
5	NO RELIEF	NO RELIEF



ld.	Туре	Image
6	STANDARD VERSION	Pietro Fiorentini         MODEL: FE           SN:            Inlet:         I/O:           Delivery:         Delivery Range:           OPSO:         OPSO Range:           UPSO:
7	CANADA VERSION	Pietro Fiorentini         MODEL: FE_ Date: yyyy/mm/dd         Image: Second Date: yyyy/mm/dd           SN:          Orifice: Ø           Inlet:          I/O:            Delivery:         Delivery Range:            OPSO:          OPSO Range:            UPSO:         Spring Pd:
8	NO CSA VERSION	T amb: -30°C/+65°C  -22°F/+150°F T gas: -20°C/+65°C  -4°F/+150°F
9	NO CSA ARCTIC VERSION	ARCTIC VERSION           T amb: -40°C/+65°C         -40°F/+150°F           T gas: -30°C/+65°C         -22°F/+150°F
10	NO CSA SAFETY DIAPHRAGMS VERSION	T amb: -30°C/+65°C
11	NO CSA ARCTIC AND SAFETY DIAPHRAGMS VERSION	ARCTIC VERSION T amb: -40°C/+65°C -40°F/+150°F T gas: -30°C/+65°C -22°F/+150°F SAFETY DIAPHRAGMS Tab. 2.5.



# 2.8.1 - GLOSSARY FOR NAMEPLATES

The terms and abbreviations used on the nameplate are described below:

Label terminology	Description
S.N.	Regulator serial number.
Inlet	Inlet pressure range.
Delivery	Outlet pressure.
OPSO	Value for the downstream overpressure mechanism tripping.
Date of manufacture.	
UPSO Indicates the presence (YES) or absence (NO) of the downstream underpressure mechanism	
Delivery range Output pressure spring adjustment range.	
OPSO range Spring adjustment range for downstream overpressure mechanism.	
Orifice	Double stage diameter.
I/O	Inlet/Outlet fittings.
Spring Pd	Code and colour of regulation spring.

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# 2.9 - GLOSSARY OF MEASUREMENT UNITS

Type of measurement	Unit of measurement	Description	
Volumetric flow rate	Sm³/h	Standard cubic metres per hour	
volumetric now rate	Scfh	Standard cubic feet per hour	
	bar	Unit of measurement in the CGS system	
Pressure	psi	Pounds per square inch	
Pressure	"WC	Water column inch	
	Pa	Pascal	
	°C	Degree centigrade	
Temperature	°F	Fahrenheit degree	
	K	Kelvin	
Tightoning torquo	Nm	Newton-metre	
Tightening torque	ft-lbs	Foot per pound	
Sound pressure	dB	Decibel	
	V	Volt	
Other measures	W	Watt	
	Ω	Ohm	

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# 2.10 - QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL FIGURES

Qualified operators in charge of using and managing the equipment throughout its technical service life:

Professional figure	Definition
Installer	<ul> <li>Qualified operator able to:</li> <li>handle materials and equipment.</li> <li>carry out all the operations necessary to properly install the equipment;</li> <li>perform all the operations necessary to safely operate the equipment and system;</li> <li>be able to perform all the operations necessary to uninstall and subsequently dispose of the equipment in compliance with the regulations in force in the country of installation.</li> <li>The installer is not authorised to use the lifting equipment.</li> <li>The equipment must be lifted and handled strictly in accordance with the instructions provided by the manufacturer and the regulations in force at the place where the equipment is installed.</li> </ul>
Technical commissioning	<ul> <li>Technician trained and authorised to use and manage the equipment for the activities it was supplied for. They must:</li> <li>be able to perform all operations required to properly run the equipment and the system, ensuring their own safety and that of any personnel on site;</li> <li>access all device parts for visual inspection, equipment checks, adjustments and calibrations.</li> <li>have proven experience in properly using the equipment similar to that described in this instruction manual, and be trained, informed and instructed in this regard.</li> <li>The skilled technician is not authorised to use the lifting equipment.</li> </ul>

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# 3 - SAFETY

# 3.1 - GENERAL SAFETY WARNINGS

#### **A**WARNING

The equipment described in this instruction manual is:

- a device subjected to pressure in pressurised systems;
- normally installed in systems carrying flammable gases (for example: natural gas).

#### **A**WARNING

If the gas used is a combustible gas, the installation area of the equipment is defined as a "danger zone" as there are residual risks that potentially explosive atmospheres may be generated.

In "danger zones" and in close proximity thereto:

- there must not be any effective sources of ignition;
- smoking is not allowed.

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Authorised operators must not carry out operations or services on their own initiative that do not fall within their competence.

Never operate the equipment:

- while under the influence of intoxicating substances such as alcohol;
- if you are using drugs that may slow reaction times.

# NOTICE

The employer must train and inform operators on how to behave during operations and on the equipment to be used.

Before installation, commissioning or maintenance, operators must:

- take note of the safety regulations applicable to the place of installation they are working in;
- obtain the necessary permits to operate when required;
- wear the personal protective equipment required by the procedures described in this instruction manual:
- ensure that the required collective protective equipment and safety information are available in the area they are operating in.



# 3.2 - PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Table 3.9 shows the personal protective equipment (PPE) and its description. An obligation is associated with each symbol. Personal protective equipment means any equipment intended to be worn by the worker in order to protect them against one or several risks that are likely to threaten their safety or health during work.

For the operators in charge, depending on the type of work requested, the most appropriate PPE of the following will be reported and must be used:

Symbol	Meaning
	<b>Obligation to use safety or insulated gloves.</b> Indicates a requirement for the personnel to use safety or insulated gloves.
	<b>Obligation to use safety goggles.</b> Indicates a requirement for personnel to use protective goggles for eye protection.
	<b>Obligation to use safety shoes.</b> Indicates a requirement for the personnel to use accident-prevention safety shoes.
	<b>Obligation to use noise protection equipment.</b> Indicates a requirement for the personnel to use ear muffs or ear plugs to protect their hearing.
	<b>Obligation to wear protective clothing.</b> Indicates a requirement for the personnel to wear specific protective clothing.
	<b>Obligation to use a protective mask.</b> Indicates a requirement for the personnel to use respiratory masks in the event of a chemical risk.
	<b>Obligation to use a protective helmet.</b> Indicates a requirement for the personnel to use protective helmets.
	<b>Obligation to wear high visibility vests.</b> Indicates a requirement for the personnel to use high visibility vests.

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# **A**WARNING

Each licensed operator is obliged to:

- take care of his/her own health and safety and that of other people in the workplace who are affected by his/her actions or omissions, in accordance with the training, instructions and equipment provided by the employer;
- appropriately use the PPE made available;
- immediately report to the employer, the manager or the person in charge any deficiencies in the equipment and devices, as well as any dangerous conditions they may become aware of.



# 3.3 - RESIDUAL RISKS

# NOTICE

#### The equipment of FE25, FE50 does not fall within the scope of the PED 2014/68/EU directive.

The risks associated with the equipment are assessed below and the principles adopted for their prevention are indicated, according to the following classification:

- a) Elimination and/or reduction of the risk.
- b) Application of appropriate protective measures.
- c) information to users about residual risks.



# 3.3.1 - TABLE SHOWING RESIDUAL RISKS DUE TO PRESSURE

# **A**WARNING

If there are any functional faults, do not operate. Immediately contact PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A. for the necessary directions.

Risk and Hazard	Event and Cause	Effect and Consequence	Solution and Prevention
Pressurised gas leakage. Projection of me- tallic and non-me- tallic pressurised parts.	<ul> <li>Violent impact.</li> <li>Impact (also due to falling, improper handling, etc.).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Deformation.</li> <li>Broken connections and, if pressurised, even burst.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a. Handling and installation with appropriate devices to avoid localised stress.</li> <li>b. Installation in suitable places and spaces with appropriate guards and packaging.</li> <li>c. Information/directions contained in this manual.</li> </ul>
Pressurised gas leakage. Projection of metallic and non-metallic pressurised parts.	<ul> <li>Use of inappropriate fluids.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Corrosion.</li><li>Embrittlement.</li><li>Explosion.</li></ul>	a. The user must check compliance of the used fluid with what is indicated on the in- stallation sheet.
Pressurised gas leakage. Projection of metallic and non-metallic pressurised parts.	• Operation at tem- peratures below the minimum permissi- ble temperature.	<ul><li>Embrittlement.</li><li>Breakage.</li><li>Explosion.</li></ul>	<ul><li>a. Install in places where the temperature is not below the minimum permissible value and/or insulate the equipment adequately.</li><li>b. The minimum allowable temperature is specified in this manual (refer to paragraph 4.5).</li></ul>
Pressurised gas leakage. Projection of me- tallic and non-me- tallic pressurised parts. Explosion.	• Overpressure or exceedance of the rated limit values (maximum pressure allowed).	<ul> <li>Explosion.</li> <li>Breaks.</li> <li>Cracks.</li> <li>Permanent deformations.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>a. The device has appropriate design safe- ty margins.</li><li>b. The user must check the maximum pressure applicable to the equipment.</li><li>c. The design pressure is specified in this manual (refer to paragraph 4.5).</li></ul>
Pressurised fluid leakage. Projection of metallic and non-metallic pressurised parts.	<ul> <li>Incorrect fixing of the equipment.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Deformation.</li><li>Breakage.</li></ul>	<ul><li>a. The device is equipped with unified type process connections and compression fittings.</li><li>b. The installer must ensure correct fixing to the line.</li><li>c. Information/directions contained in this manual.</li></ul>
Explosion of the device, pressurised fluid leakage. Projection of me- tallic parts.	• Operation at tem- peratures above the maximum permissi- ble temperature.	<ul> <li>Reduction of me- chanical resistance, breakage of the device.</li> <li>Explosion.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>a. The commissioning technician must equip the system with suitable control and safety devices.</li><li>b. The maximum allowable temperature is specified in this manual (refer to paragraph 4.5).</li></ul>
Pressurised gas leakage. Projection of metallic and non-metallic pressurised parts.	• Electrostatic poten- tial differential stray currents.	• Corrosion localised in the device.	a. The commissioning technician must check the equipment for proper earthing.



Risk and Hazard	Event and Cause	Effect and Consequence	Solution and Prevention
Pressurised gas leakage. Projection of metallic and non-metallic pres- surised parts.	<ul> <li>Humidity.</li> <li>Environments with aggressive atmosphere.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Deterioration of external surfaces.</li><li>corrosion.</li></ul>	a. The user must shut off the line and con- tact PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A.

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# 3.3.2 - TABLE OF RESIDUAL RISKS FOR POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES

Table 3.11 shows the conditions that can lead the pressure regulators FE25, FE50 to generate a potentially explosive atmosphere.

The table is valid for use with natural gas with a density of no more than 0.8; for different densities, the installation and environmental conditions must also be evaluated.

# **A**WARNING

If the gas used is a combustible gas, the area where the equipment is installed is defined as a "hazardous area", because there are residual risks associated with the formation of potentially explosive atmospheres, where no effective ignition sources must be present.

Operating conditions	Potentially explosive atmosphere	Regulatory References	Management measures in- cluded in the use, maintenance and warning manual
First start-up	No	<ul> <li>During the production cycle, the external sealing of the equipment is checked according to the UNI 11655:2016 standard.</li> <li>Before commissioning, the external sealing of the system portion on which the equipment is installed is checked according to the requirements applicable in the place of installation (when installed in pressure reduction systems, the provisions of 12186:2014 and UNI EN12279:2007 must be adhered to).</li> </ul>	The manual refers to the need to check the external sealing and, when applicable, meet the require- ments of the UNI EN 12186:2014 and UNI EN 12279: 2007 stand- ards.
Operation in normal conditions       No       The properties of the pro		doors or in an environment with natural ventilation according to the regulations in force in the place of installation, or, when applica- ble, standards EN 12186:2014 and EN 12279:2007;	<ul> <li>The manual reports that:</li> <li>any room that the equipment is installed in must meet the ventilation requirement for the place of installation, or, when applicable, the provisions in standards EN 12186:2014 and EN 12279:2007;</li> <li>periodic checks must be car- ried out during surveillance in accordance with the national rules in force, if any, and with the specific manufacturer's recommendations.</li> </ul>
Breakage of diaphragms	No	This event must be considered a rare malfunction.	The manual refers to the need to meet the periodic check require- ments in accordance with the regulations in force in the place of installation.
Breakage of other non-metallic parts (malfunction)	No	This type of malfunction is not rea- sonably expected as it involves stat- ic seals (to the outside) that cannot generate any external leakage.	-



Operating conditions	Potentially explosive atmosphere	Regulatory References	Management measures in- cluded in the use, maintenance and warning manual
Decommissioning	No	<ul> <li>Pressure must be reduced in the system section, where the equipment is installed, inside a suitably ventilated room.</li> <li>The residual gas must be discharged as indicated above.</li> </ul>	The manual refers to the need to operate in a suitably ventilated environment.
Reboot	No	<ul> <li>After reassembling the regulator, carry out an external leakage test at a suitable pressure value, as specified by the Manufacturer.</li> <li>Before commissioning, the external sealing of the system portion on which the equipment is installed is checked according to the requirements applicable in the place of installation (when installed in pressure reduction systems, the provisions of 12186:2014 and UNI EN12279:2007 must be adhered to).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>manual:</li> <li>the minimum conditions for testing the equipment for external leakage;</li> </ul>

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# 3.4 - OBLIGATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

The following is a list of obligations and prohibitions to be observed for the safety of the operator. It is mandatory to:

- carefully read and understand the use, maintenance and warning manual;
- check whether the downstream equipment is suitably sized according to the performance required of the regulator in the actual operating condition;
- before installing the equipment, strictly refer to the details specified on the nameplates and in the manual;
- Avoid violent shocks and impacts that could damage the equipment and, as a result, cause the pressure fluid to escape.

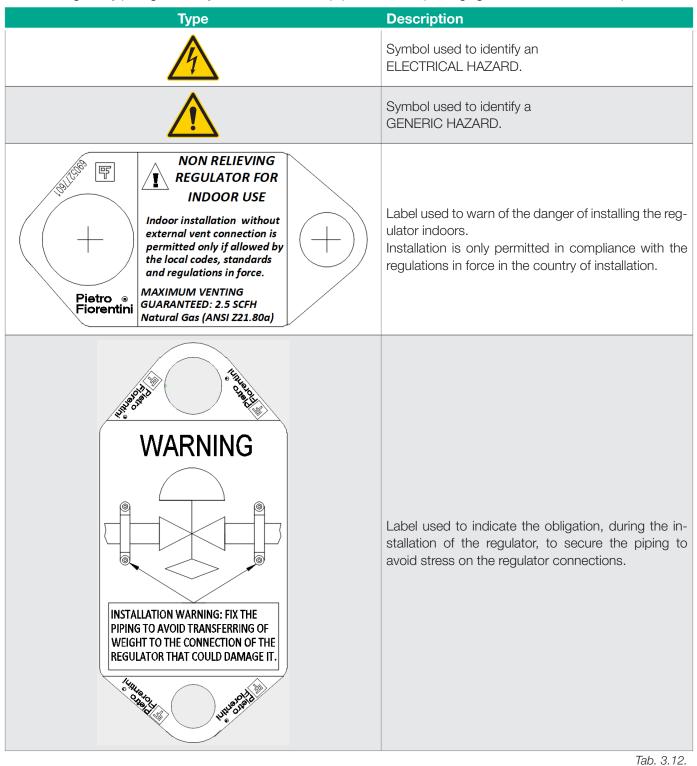
It is forbidden to:

- operate in various capacities on the equipment without the PPE indicated in the work procedures described in this manual;
- operate in the presence of open flames or bring open flames close to the work area;
- smoke near the equipment or while working on it;
- use the equipment with parameters other than those indicated on the nameplate;
- use the equipment with fluids other than those indicated in this manual;
- use the equipment outside the operating temperature range specified in this manual;
- install or use the equipment in environments other than those specified in this manual.



#### PICTOGRAMS AND SAFETY LABELS 3.5 -

The following safety pictograms may be shown on the equipment and/or packaging PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A.:



# **DANGER**

It is absolutely forbidden to remove the pictograms and safety labels on the equipment. The user is obliged to replace pictograms and safety labels that are illegible due to wear, removal or tampering.





# 3.6 - RISK LEVEL

Depending on the operating conditions, use and configuration required, the equipment may generate noise beyond the limits allowed by current legislation in the country of installation.

For the value of the noise generated by the equipment and further information, contact PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A.

# **A**CAUTION

The obligation to use headphones or ear plugs to protect the operator's hearing remains in the event that the noise in the installation environment of the equipment (depending on specific operating conditions) exceeds the value of 85 dBA.



# **4 - DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION**

# 4.1 - GENERAL DESCRIPTION

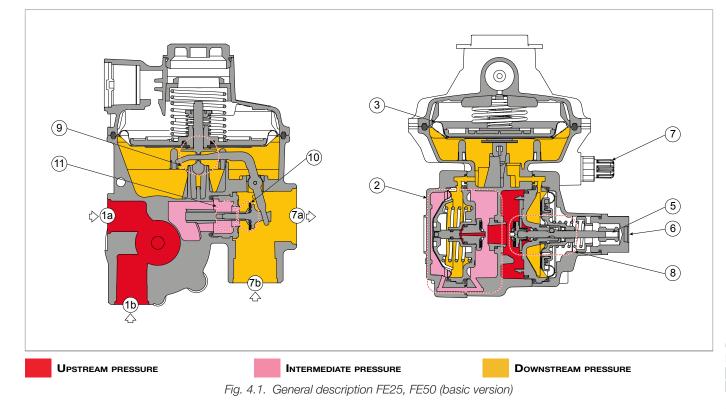
The equipment is a self-operated dual-stage low-pressure regulator suitable for gaseous fluids such as:

- natural gas;
- GPL;
- non-corrosive gases.

The main elements of the equipment are specified in Tab. 4.13.:

Pos.	Description	Pos.	Description
	Inlet connections:		Outlet connections:
1	a: in-line	7	a: in-line
	b: in a square pattern		b: in a square pattern
2	First stage regulation		Slam-shut valve for maximum downstream pres-
2			sure
3	Double stage regulation	9	Relief valve
		-	
4	Excess flow safety device reset button	10	Double stage regulation valve (3)
5	Reset knob of the slam-shut valve for maximum	11	Excess flow safety device
	downstream pressure		
6	Reset knob protection cap (5)	-	-

Tab. 4.13.





# 4.2 - OPERATION

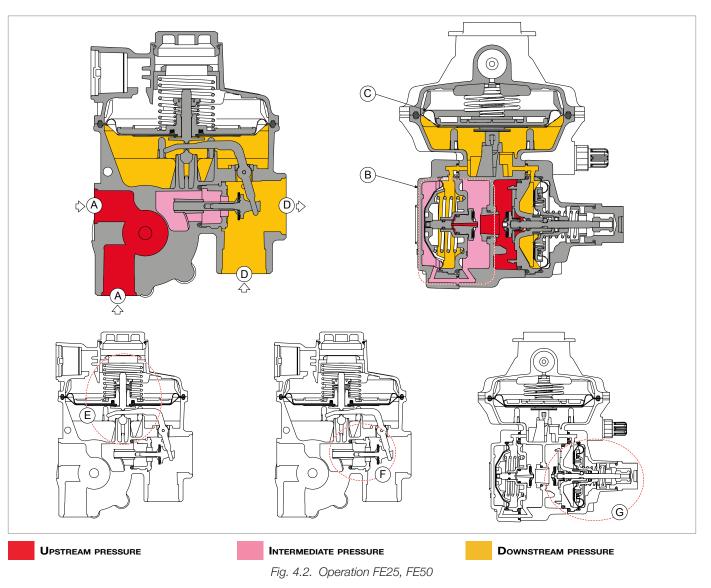
FE25, FE50 equipment consists of regulators featuring:

- self-operation;
- low pressure suitability;
- a dual regulation stage.

Tab. 4.14. describes the operation of the equipment in a simplified manner:

Step	Description		
1	The upstream pressure (A) feeds the regulator.		
2	The first regulation stage (B) determines the first pressure reduction.		
3	Intermediate pressure is adjusted by the second regulation stage (C) to the value of the downstream pressure (D) required by the user.		
4	<ul> <li>In the event of faults, the safety devices will trip:</li> <li>relief valve (E);</li> <li>excess flow safety device (F);</li> <li>slam-shut valve for maximum downstream pressure (G).</li> </ul>		

Tab. 4.14.





# 4.3 - INTENDED USE

# 4.3.1 - ENVISAGED USE

# NOTICE

The equipment of FE25, FE50 is used to adjust the pressure to a pre-set value. It can be installed directly on:

- user's gas meters;
- rising pillars;
- burners.

The equipment in question is intended for:

Operation	Permitted	Unpermitted	Work environment
Adjustment of the downstream pressure for:	Gaseous, and non-aggres- sive or corrosive fluids fil- tered beforehand.		<ul> <li>Installations for the distribution of natural gas to supply net- works for:</li> <li>commercial use;</li> <li>home use.</li> </ul>

Tab. 4.15.

The equipment referred to was designed to be used exclusively within the limits specified on the nameplate and according to the instructions and limits of use specified in this manual.

Safe work conditions are as follows:

- use within the limits specified on the nameplate and in this manual;
- compliance with the operating and warning instructions as well as commissioning procedures (refer to chapter 8);
- do not tamper with and/or bypass the safety devices.

# 4.3.2 - REASONABLY FORESEEABLE MISUSE

Incorrect and reasonably foreseeable use means the use of the equipment in a way not foreseen in the phase but which can derive from easily predictable human behaviour:

- corrosive fluids;
- fluids not properly treated upstream;
- liquids;
- instinctive reaction of an operator in the event of a malfunction, accident or breakdown while using the equipment;
- behaviour resulting from pressure to keep the equipment running under all circumstances;
- behaviour resulting from carelessness;
- behaviour resulting from the use of the equipment by unauthorised and unsuitable people (children, disabled);
- using the equipment in a manner other than that referred to under "Intended use".

Any use of the equipment other than the intended use must be previously approved in writing by PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A. If no written approval is provided, use shall be considered improper.

In the event of "improper use", PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A. shall not be held liable for any damage caused to people or property, and any type of warranty on the equipment shall be deemed void.

# 4.3.3 - TYPES OF FLUIDS

The equipment works with combustible gases used:

- in pressure control stations according to UNI EN 12186:2014 and UNI EN 12279:2007 standards, or in installations carrying LPG;
- in commercial premises and industrial plants (after checking by contacting PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A.).

# NOTICE

The equipment may be also used with inert gases, subject to verification by contacting the manufacturer.



# 4.4 - MODELS AND CONFIGURATIONS

FE SERIES includes 4 standard models based on the nominal flow rate as specified in Tab. 4.16.:

Regulator trade name	Nominal flow rate	Minimum input pressure
FE25	25 m <sup>3</sup> /h (875 sfch)	pds + 5.8 psig
FE50	42 Sm <sup>3</sup> /h (1500 sfch)	pds + 10.2 psig

Tab. 4.16.

Various configurations can be set up based on inlet/outlet connections:

Туре	Inlet connection (modular connections on request)	Outlet connection (modular connections on request)	Image
FE L	n° 1 G ½" EN ISO 228/1	n° 1 G 1" EN ISO 228/1	
FE U	n° 1 G ½" EN ISO 228/1	n° 1 G ¾" EN ISO 228/1	
FE S	n° 1 G ½" EN ISO 228/1	n° 1 G ¾" EN ISO 228/1	

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Туре	Inlet connection (modular connections on request)	Outlet connection (modular connections on request)	Image
FE <b>T</b>	n° 1 G ½" EN ISO 228/1	n° 1 G 1" EN ISO 228/1	
FE Q	n° 2 G ½" EN ISO 228/1	<ul> <li>n° 1 G 1" EN ISO 228/1 (inline outlet)</li> <li>n° 1 G ¾" EN ISO 228/1 (square pattern outlet)</li> </ul>	

Tab. 4.17.

# NOTICE

#### Mounting positions with the outlet connection facing down are recommended in installations using LPG.

Other versions can be set up according to the safety devices installed:

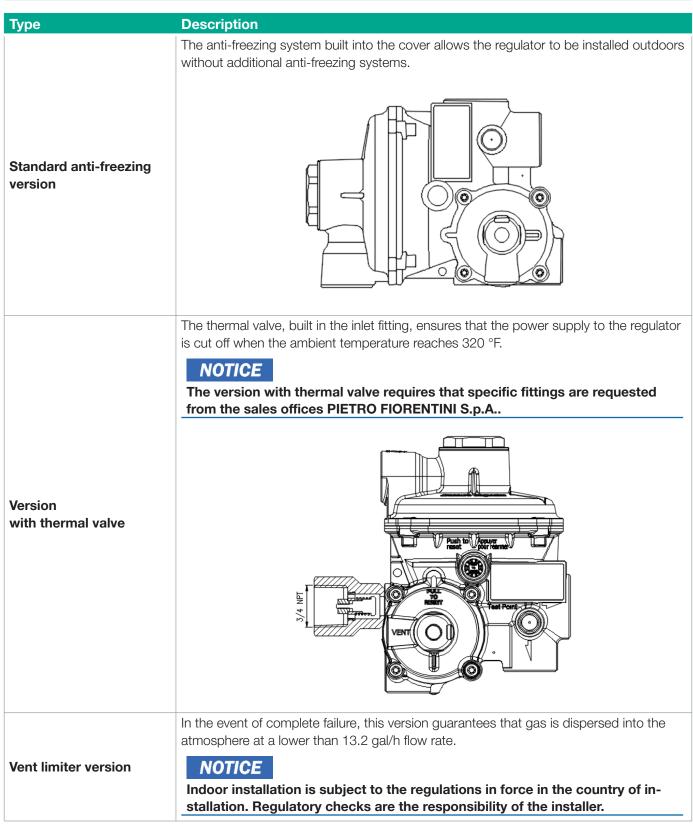
- » slam-shut valve for maximum downstream pressure (always envisaged);
- » excess flow safety device (optional);
- » relief valve (optional).



Some typical versions are listed below, also by way of example:

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- The different versions of the equipment must be:
- contractually established;
- set up at PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A. plants only

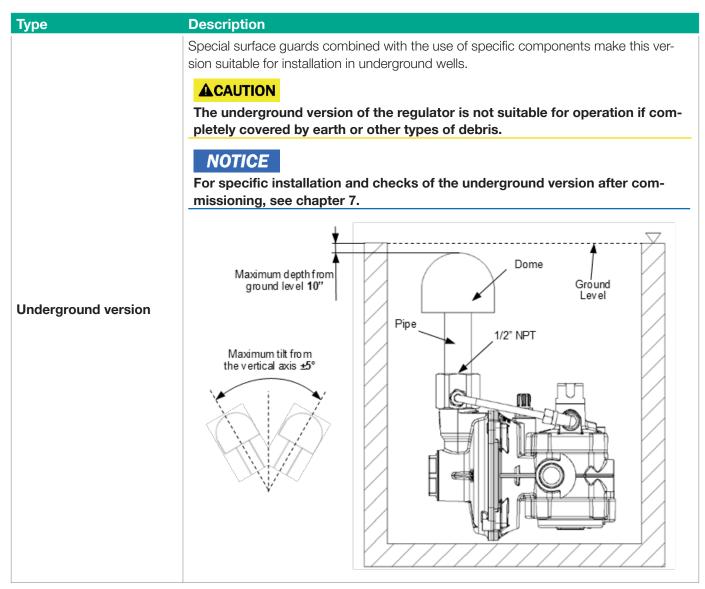


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Туре	Description		
Univent version for indoor installation	This version makes it possible, through a single connection, to convey all the vents (head, regulator and slam-shut device head) in the regulator to a safe zone.		
Arctic Version	<ul> <li>This version guarantees correct operation with:</li> <li>Ambient temperature: up to -40 °F and/or</li> <li>gas temperature up to -22 °F.</li> </ul> <b>NOTICE</b> The arctic version of the regulator is identified through a specific plate (see paragraph 2.8).		
Excess flow, automatic reset version	This version provides to automatically reset the safety device tripped due to excess flow (after resolving the cause that caused tripping). <b>NOTICE</b> The safety device is reset through a downstream gas discharge with a controlled flow rate not greater than 0,73 gal/h.		

# 4.4.1 - SURFACE TREATMENTS

# NOTICE

Surface treatments (special painting, anticorrosive treatments, galvanising,...) are foreseen for specific needs and/or particular environmental conditions.



# 4.5 - TECHNICAL FEATURES/PERFORMANCE

# NOTICE

# To classify the functional performance of the equipment, refer to standards UNI 11655:2016 and UNI EN 16129:2013.

The main specifications can be found in Tab.4.19.:

Technical features			
Design pressure (DP)	up to 0.86 MPa up to 125 psig		
Inlet pressure range	from 15 kPa to 0.86 MPa from 2.2 psig to 125 psig		
Regulator capacity (nominal flow rate)	25 - 42 Sm <sup>3</sup> /h (875 - 1500 sfch)		
Adjustment range of downstream pressure (Wds)	<ul> <li>BP version: 1.3 kPa to 18 kPa</li> <li>BP version: from 5 "w.c. to 2.6 psig</li> <li>MP version: from 181 kPa to 50 kPa</li> <li>MP Version: 2.61 psig to 7.25 psig</li> </ul>		
Accuracy class (AC)	10		
Shut-off overpressure (SG)	20, minimum 0.75 KPa   3" w.c.		
Operating ambient temperature	<b>Standard version</b> : -30 °C to +65 °C   -22 °F to +150 °F <b>Arctic version*</b> : -40 °C to +65 °C   -40 °F to +150 °F		
Permissible gas temperature	<b>Standard Version</b> : -20 °C to +65 °C   -4 °F to +150 °F <b>Arctic version*</b> : -30 °C to +65 °C   -22 °F to +150 °F		
Inlet connection	G ½" EN ISO 228/1 (modular connections on request)		
Outlet connection	<ul> <li>In-line outlet: G 1" EN ISO 228/1</li> <li>Outlet in a square pattern: G ¾" EN ISO 228/1</li> <li>(modular connections on request)</li> </ul>	G1/2" ISO 228/1 G1/2" G1/2" G3/4" ISO 228/1 ISO 228/1	
Modular connections	<ul> <li>Gas (as per UNI EN ISO 228-1:2003);</li> <li>Flat swivel joint (as per NF E29-533: 2014 and NF E29-536: 2017);</li> <li>NPT (according to ASME B1.20.1, excluding connections with metal/metal sealing);</li> <li>Special accessories (on request).</li> </ul>		

\* Version identified by specific nameplate (refer to paragraph 2.8)

Tab. 4.19.

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# 4.6 - SAFETY DEVICES

To prevent the safety devices from tripping during normal service (when there are no faults at user level):

- do not exceed the maximum capacity values of the regulator;
- do not feed the regulator with pressures lower than the minimum values specified;
- do not purge of the downstream line with the regulator installed.

# 4.6.1 - SLAM-SHUT VALVE FOR MAXIMUM DOWNSTREAM PRESSURE

# NOTICE

#### If the valve trips, service will be interrupted.

The slam-shut valve for maximum downstream pressure (A) is a safety device that remains open in normal service conditions and automatically and completely closes the gas flow when the maximum downstream pressure exceeds the calibration values.

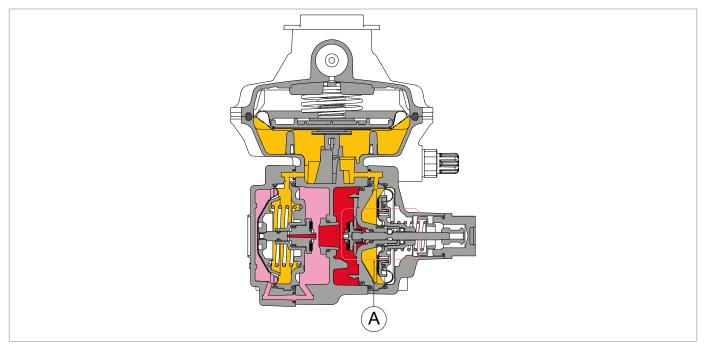


Fig. 4.3. Slam-shut valve for maximum pressure



## 4.6.2 - EXCESS FLOW SAFETY DEVICE

# NOTICE

#### If the device trips, service will be interrupted.

The excess flow safety device (A) is a safety device which remains in the open position under normal operating conditions and closes automatically and completely when the pre-set flow limits are exceeded.

The device trips due to the increase in the flow rate between 110% and 150% of the guaranteed flow rate specified on the plate (see paragraph 2.8).

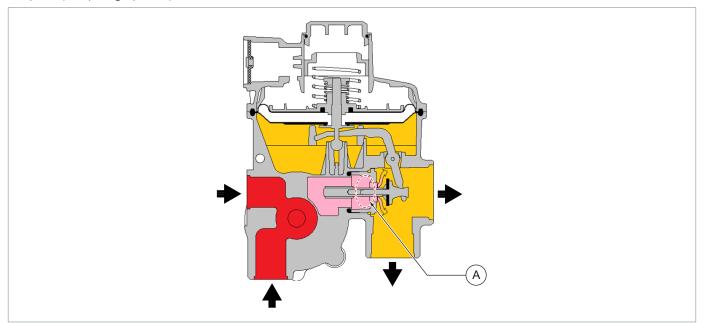


Fig. 4.4. Excess flow safety device



#### 4.6.3 - RELIEF VALVE

The relief valve (A) is a safety device that is used to:

- automatically discharge a gas flow into the atmosphere through the exhaust conveyor (B), when the pressure detected downstream exceeds a pre-set value and
- to automatically return to shut-off position when the downstream pressure drops below the opening/discharge value.

The relief valve trips due to:

- thermal expansion of the downstream gas with no flow;
- temporary defective sealing of the plugs in the first and second regulation stages.

# NOTICE

The tripping pressure value of the relief valve is lower than the tripping pressure value of the slam-shut valve for maximum downstream pressure.

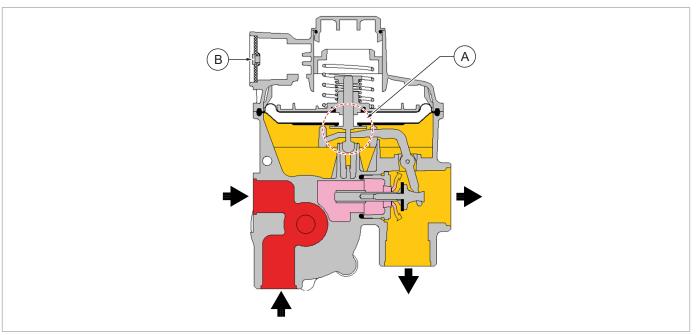


Fig. 4.5. Relief valve



#### 4.6.4 - PRESSURE OUTLET

# NOTICE

# For an in-field check of the safety devices, a pressure outlet (A) built in the regulator or on the downstream section of the system is required.

Only two types of pressure outlet can be built into the regulator:

- standard (A);
- Peterson model (B).

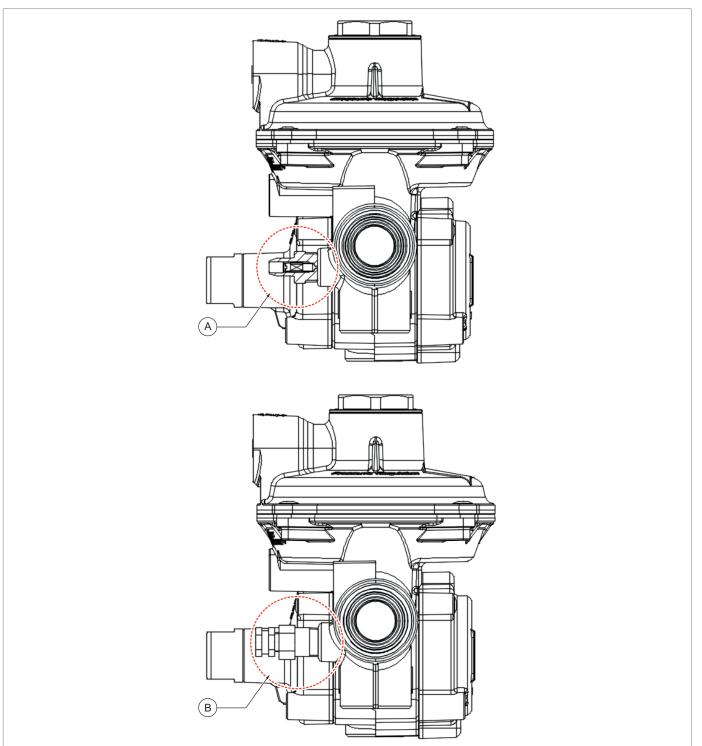


Fig. 4.6. Pressure outlets



#### 4.6.4.1 - PROCEDURE OF USE WITH STANDARD PRESSURE OUTLET

### **A**CAUTION

The maximum operating pressure for the standard pressure outlet is 7.3 psig.

To use the standard pressure outlet (A), proceed as shown in Tab.4.20:

Step	Action
1	Undo the locking screw (B).
2	Fit the rubber tube on the tang (C) making sure that the connection is sealed.
3	Tighten the locking screw (B) making sure there are no leaks from the pressure outlet.

Tab. 4.20.

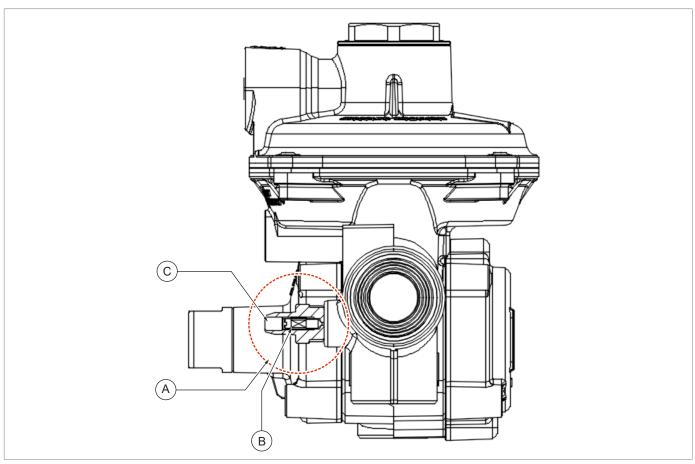


Fig. 4.7. Standard pressure outlet use



#### 4.6.4.2 - PROCEDURE OF USE WITH PETERSON MODEL PRESSURE OUTLET

# **ACAUTION**

The maximum operating pressure for a Peterson model standard pressure outlet is 145 psig.

# NOTICE

The pressure gauge (E) and the ring nut (D) are not included in the standard scope of supply and are supplied only on request.

To use the Peterson model pressure outlet (A), proceed as shown in Tab.4.21:

Step	Action
1	Remove the shut-off cap (B).
	Fit the pin (C) until the connection with the gas chamber of the outlet body is made, then lock it through the ring nut (D).
2	<b>NOTICE</b> The pin (C) is not present on the regulator but is an accessory of the pressure outlet.
3	Read the pressure measured on the pressure gauge (E).
4	After reading, loosen the ring nut (D) to unlock the pin (C).
5	Remove the pin (C).
6	Put the shut-off cap (B) back in place.

Tab. 4.21.

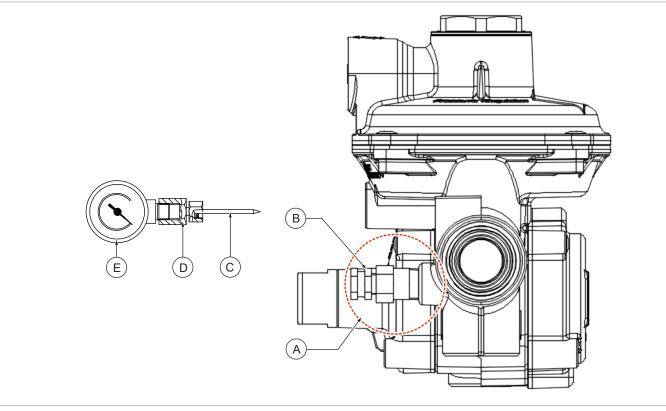


Fig. 4.8. Peterson model pressure outlet use



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# **5 - TRANSPORT AND HANDLING**

### 5.1 - SPECIFIC WARNINGS FOR TRANSPORT AND HANDLING

# NOTICE

Transport and handling must be carried out in compliance with the regulations in force in the country of installation by personnel who are:

- qualified (specially trained);
- who are familiar with accident prevention and workplace safety regulations;
- authorised to use lifting equipment.

Transport and handling		
<b>Operator qualification</b>	Installer.	
PPE required	<ul> <li>Image: Second Second</li></ul>	
Weights and dimen- sions of the equip- ment	For dimensions and weights, refer to paragraph 5.2 "Physical characteristics of the equipment".	

Tab. 5.22.



## 5.1.1 - PACKAGING AND FASTENERS USED FOR TRANSPORT

The transport packaging is designed and manufactured to avoid damage during normal transport, storage and handling.

The equipment must be kept in the packaging until installation.

Upon receiving the equipment, please:

- make sure that no part has been damaged during transport and/or handling;
- immediately report any damage found to PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A..

# NOTICE

**PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A.** shall not be liable for any damage to people or property caused by accidents due to failure to comply with the instructions provided in this manual.

Tab. 5.23. describes the types of packaging used:

Ref.	Type of packaging	Image
A	Multiple cardboard box (2 floors of 6 pieces for a total run of 12 pieces)	
В	Single cardboard box	

Tab. 5.23.



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# 5.2 - PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EQUIPMENT

Fig. 5.9. FE25, FE50 Physical characteristics

Overall dimensions		
Ref.	Dimensions [inch]	
Α	4.18	
В	3	
С	1	
D	Ø4.4	
E	2.2	
F	3.1	
G	2.13	
Н	1.61	
I	0.58	
<u>ل</u>	Tab. 5.24.	

Weights [lbs]	
Aluminium regulator (without fittings)	2.2
Weight increase with fittings	from 0.3 to 1.5
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Tab. 5.25.



# 5.3 - EQUIPMENT ANCHORING AND LIFTING METHOD

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Using lifting equipment (if necessary) for unloading, carrying and handling packages is reserved only for skilled operators who have been properly trained (and are appropriately qualified if required by the regulations in force in the country of installation) and are familiar with:

- accident prevention rules;
- workplace safety provisions;
- lifting equipment features and limits.

# **DANGER**

Before handling a load, make sure that its weight does not exceed the load capacity of the lifting equipment (and any other lifting tools) specified on the specific plate.

# **A**CAUTION

Before moving the equipment:

- remove any movable or hanging component or firmly secure it to the load;
- protect fragile equipment;
- check that the load is stable;
- make sure to have perfect visibility along the route.



## 5.3.1 - FORKLIFT HANDLING METHOD

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It is forbidden to:

- Do not transit under suspended loads;
- Do not move the load over the personnel operating in the site/plant area.

# **A**WARNING

- The following is not allowed on forklifts:
- carrying passengers;
- lifting people.

If cardboard boxes (single or multiple) are supported by a pallet, proceed as in Tab. 5.26.:

Step	Action	Image
1	Place the forks of the forklift under the load surface.	
2	Make sure that the forks protrude from the front of the load (by at least 5 cm), far enough to eliminate any risk of the transported load tipping.	
3	Raise the forks until they are touching the load. <b>NOTICE</b> Fasten the load to the forks with clamps or similar devices if required.	
4	Slowly lift the load by a few dozen centimetres and check its stabil- ity, making sure that the centre of gravity of the load is at the centre of the lifting forks.	



Step	Action	Image
5	Tilt the mast backwards (towards the driver's seat) to help the over- turning moment and to ensure greater load stability during trans- port.	
6	<ul> <li>Adjust transport speed according to the type of floor and load, avoiding sudden manoeuvres.</li> <li><b>WARNING</b></li> <li>In the case of: <ul> <li>obstacles along the path;</li> <li>particular operating situations</li> <li>hinder operator visibility, the assistance of a ground operator is required, standing outside the range of action of the lifting equipment, with the task of signalling.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	-
7	Place the load in the chosen installation area.	_

Tab. 5.26.

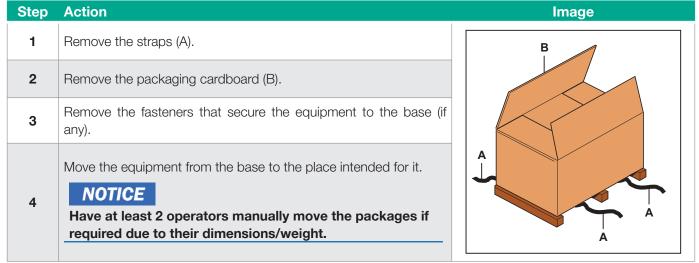


#### 5.4 - PACKAGING REMOVAL

Packaging removal	
Operator qualification	Installer.
PPE required	<b>AWARNING</b> The PPE listed in this table is related to the risk associated with the equipment. For the PPE necessary to protect against risks associated with the workplace or operating conditions, please refer to:
	<ul> <li>the regulations in force in the country of installation;</li> <li>any information provided by the Safety Manager at the installation facility.</li> </ul>

Tab. 5.27.

To unpack the equipment in a cardboard box, proceed as in Tab. 5.28.:



Tab. 5.28.

# NOTICE

After removing all packaging materials, check for any anomalies. If there are anomalies:

- do not install the equipment;
- contact PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A. and specify the details provided on the equipment nameplate.

#### 5.4.1 - PACKAGING DISPOSAL

# NOTICE

Sort the various materials making up the packaging and dispose of them in compliance with the regulations in force in the country of installation.



# 5.5 - STORAGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

#### **A**WARNING

#### Protect the regulator from blows and impacts, even accidental, until it is installed.

If the equipment needs to be stored for an extended period, the minimum environmental conditions for the intended storage are provided in Tab.5.29. Compliance with these conditions will guarantee the declared performance:

Conditions	Data
Maximum storage period	5 years.
Temperature	Not above 104 °F
Humidity	Not above 70%
Radiation and light sources	Away from radiation and light sources according to UNI ISO 2230:2009

Tab. 5.29.

# 5.5.1 - STORAGE LASTING LONGER THAN THE MAXIMUM TIME ALLOWED

# NOTICE

After a storage period exceeding the maximum time allowed (5 years), the equipment must be scrapped.



# 6 - INSTALLATION

### 6.1 - INSTALLATION PRE-REQUISITES

#### 6.1.1 - ALLOWED ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

#### **A**WARNING

To safely use the equipment, in full respect of the allowed environmental conditions, follow the data shown on the regulator plate and on any accessories (refer to paragraph 2.8 "Nameplates applied").

The installation site must be suitable for the safe use of the equipment. The installation area of the equipment must be properly lit to ensure proper operator visibility during working on the equipment.

#### 6.1.2 - STORAGE LASTING LONGER THAN THE MAXIMUM TIME ALLOWED

#### **A**WARNING

Installing the equipment after storage exceeding the maximum admissible time (5 years) is not allowed. After a storage period exceeding the maximum time allowed, the equipment must be scrapped.



#### 6.1.3 - CHECKS BEFORE INSTALLATION

With respect to its **design pressure (DP)**, the equipment does not require any further safety device upstream to protect against any overpressure when, for the upstream reduction station, the maximum incidental downstream pressure is:

#### MIPd ≤ 1.1 DP

**MIPd =** Maximum incidental downstream pressure value (for further information, see UNI EN 12186:2014).

### **ACAUTION**

If the installation of the equipment requires the field application of compression fittings, these must be installed in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer of the fittings themselves. The choice of fittings must be compatible with:

- the use specified for the equipment;
- the plant specifications when required.

Before installation, it must be ensured that:

- the flow direction is observed as shown on the regulator;
- the data shown on the nameplate matches the requirements of the connected combustion equipment;
- at least one shut-off valve is installed upstream;
- at least one shut-off valve is installed downstream;
- the expected dimensions of the installation site are compatible with those of the equipment;
- the inlet/outlet pipes do not exert loads on the equipment;
- the inlet and outlet connections of the equipment are clean and flawless;
- the inside of the upstream pipe is clean and free of processing residues such as welding slag, sand, paint residues, water, etc....

#### Installation

Operator qualification	Installer.
PPE required	The PPE listed in this table is related to the risk associated with the equipment. For the PPE required to protect against risks associated with the workplace, installation or operating conditions, please refer to: • the regulations in force in the country of installation; • any information provided by the Safety Manager at the installation facility.

Tab. 6.30.



# 6.2 - SPECIFIC SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION STEP

## **A**WARNING

Before proceeding with installation, make sure that the upstream and downstream valves installed on the line are shut off.

#### **A**WARNING

Installation may also take place in areas where there is a risk of explosion, which implies that all necessary prevention and protection measures have to be taken.

For these measures, please refer to the regulations in force at the place of installation.

#### **A**WARNING

Near the equipment, do not:

- use open flames (e.g. for welding operations);
- smoke.

### **A**WARNING

The equipment must be installed away from atmospheric agents and direct sunlight.

#### **A**WARNING

The room where the equipment is installed must:

- be properly aerated/ventilated;
- have an ambient temperature of use as indicated in paragraph 4.5 ("Technical characteristics/performance").

#### **A**WARNING

The installer must:

- use the fittings and gaskets supplied with the equipment by PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A.
- fix the swivel joints (when provided) according to the tightening torques specified by standards: NF E29-533: 2014 and NF E29-536: 2017.

#### **ACAUTION**

Do not use the equipment as a reference template (available on request).



# 6.3 - GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE LINE

The device must be installed in the line, with the arrow on its body pointing to the gas flow direction. In the typical and most frequent installation, the following must be available:

Pos.	Description
1	Pressure regulator.
2	Shut-off valve upstream of the equipment (1).
3	Shut-off valve downstream of the equipment (when required).
4	Gas meter (if any).
	Tab. 6.31.

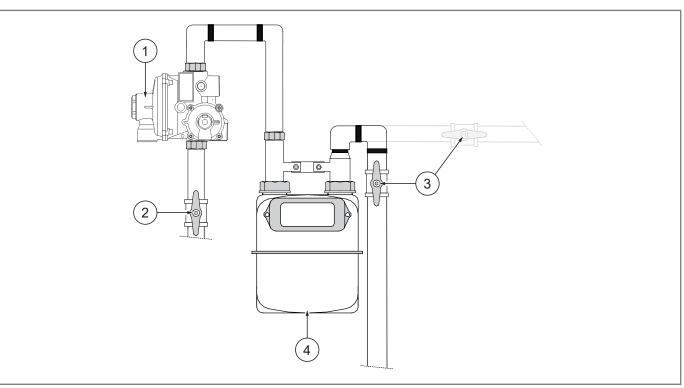


Fig. 6.10. Connection examples

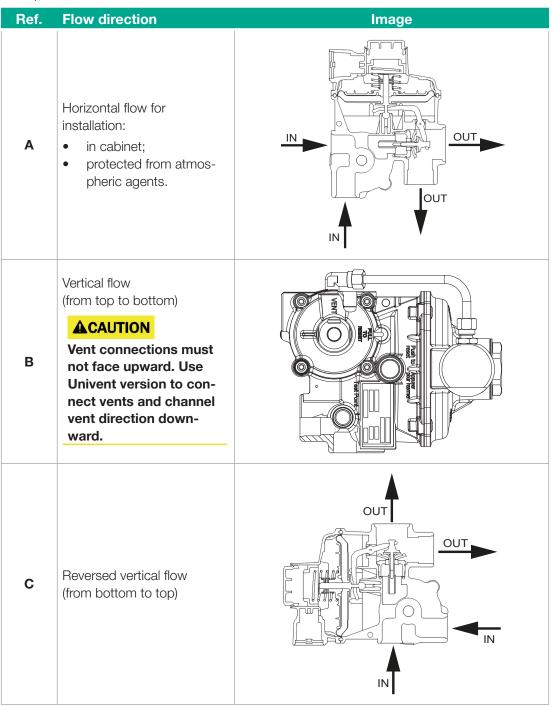


# 6.4 - INSTALLATION PROCEDURES

# NOTICE

# With natural gas or other non-corrosive gases that are not subject to recondensation, the equipment can be installed in any flow direction.

For information about how to mount the regulator in keeping with the available models and configurations (see paragraph 4.4. of the manual), refer to Tab. 6.32.:



Tab. 6.32.



#### To install the equipment, proceed as specified in Tab. 6.33.:

Step	Action
1	Apply the checks in paragraph 6.1.3 ("Checks before installation").
2	Remove any type of packaging/equipment protection (if any).
3	<ul> <li>Connect making sure that:</li> <li>the inlet and outlet pipes do not exert excessive bending or traction forces on the regulator body as a result of not being aligned. If necessary, clamp the inlet/outlet pipes for proper alignment;</li> <li>the connections and/or terminals of the inlet and outlet pipes are suitable for and compatible with the fittings on the regulator.</li> </ul>
0	<ul> <li>NOTICE</li> <li>If there are swivel connectors, use the gaskets supplied by PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A.</li> <li>In case of direct assembly in the regulator body, use only cylindrical GAS connections (ref. UNI EN ISO 228-1).</li> </ul>

Tab. 6.33.

# NOTICE

The warranty shall be deemed null and void and PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A. shall not be held liable for any damage and/or malfunctions if the fittings used during installation are not those supplied.

#### 6.4.1 - POST-INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

#### **A**WARNING

Make sure all connections are properly tightened to prevent any leakage during commissioning.

#### **A**WARNING

Protect the regulator from blows and impacts, even accidental.



# 6.5 - EQUIPMENT ADJUSTMENTS

# NOTICE

All regulators are calibrated to the values requested by the customer directly at PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A. factory.

No further adjustments are required.

The calibration values are specified on the nameplate (refer to paragraph 2.8).

Adjustment	
<b>Operator qualification</b>	Installer.
PPE required	<ul> <li>The PPE listed in this table is related to the risk associated with the equipment.</li> <li>For the PPE required to protect against risks associated with the workplace, installation or operating conditions, please refer to: <ul> <li>the regulations in force in the country of installation;</li> <li>any information provided by the Safety Manager at the installation facility.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Tab. 6.34.



If it is necessary to change the calibration values, proceed as indicated in Tab. 6.35. to increase or decrease the operating pressure:

Step	Action	Necessary equipment
1	Remove the upper cap (A) of the regulator.	-
2	<ul> <li>Turn the ring nut (B) clockwise</li> <li>hourly to increase downstream pressure;</li> <li>anti-clockwise to decrease the downstream pressure.</li> </ul>	27 mm tubular socket wrench
3	Put the upper cap (A) of the regulator back in place.	-
4	Remove the cap of the slam-shut device (C).	-
5	<ul> <li>Turn the ring nut (D):</li> <li>clockwise to increase the slam-shut valve tripping pressure;</li> <li>anti-clockwise to decrease the slam-shut valve tripping pressure.</li> </ul>	13 mm tubular socket wrench
6	Put the cap of the slam-shut device (C) back in place.	-

Tab. 6.35.

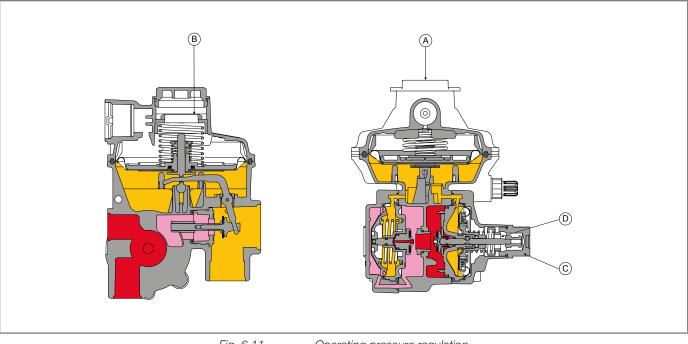


Fig. 6.11. Operating pressure regulation

# NOTICE

Minor  $\pm$  10% calibration changes with respect to the nameplate value (see paragraph 2.8 "Nameplates applied") can be made only by adhering to the spring ranges specified in the tables in chapter 10 ("Calibration tables").

# NOTICE

The relief valve pressure does not need to be adjusted.

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Contact PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A. for any further need. Do not make any unauthorised changes to the equipment without the approval of PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A.



# 7 - COMMISSIONING

### 7.1 - GENERAL WARNINGS

#### 7.1.1 - SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMISSIONING

#### **A** DANGER

During commissioning the risks associated with any discharges to the atmosphere of flammable or noxious gases must be evaluated.

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In case of installation on distribution networks for natural gas, consider the risk associated with explosive mixtures (gas/air) being formed inside the piping, if the line is not subjected to inerting.

### **A**WARNING

During commissioning, remove any unauthorised personnel.

# NOTICE

#### Commissioning has to be carried out by authorised and qualified personnel.

Before commissioning the equipment, it is necessary to check that all shut-off valves (inlet, outlet, bypass if any) are closed.

Commissioning	
Operator qualification	Commissioning technician.
PPE required	AWARNING The PPE listed in this table is related to the risk associated with the equipment. For the PPE required to protect against risks associated with the workplace, installation or operating conditions, please refer to: • the regulations in force in the country of installation; • any information provided by the Safety Manager at the installation facility.

Tab. 7.36.



# 7.2 - PRELIMINARY PROCEDURES FOR COMMISSIONING

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Before commissioning the equipment, it must be ensured that any risk of explosion or ignition source has been eliminated.

# **A**WARNING

Before commissioning, it must be ensured that:

- the conditions of use comply with the characteristics of the equipment;
- during pressurisation, the equipment has no leaks.

### **A**CAUTION

To protect the equipment from damage, never:

- pressurise the equipment through a valve located downstream of it;
- depressurise the equipment through a valve located upstream of it.

### 7.3 - CALIBRATION OF SAFETY DEVICES

# NOTICE

The equipment is regulated at PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A. production plants

#### **A**WARNING

Do not tamper with or make any unauthorised changes to the equipment without the approval of PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A.

# 7.4 - COMMISSIONING THE REGULATOR

# NOTICE

Commissioning has to be carried out by authorised and qualified personnel.

Commissioning occurs by directly injecting gas into the pipes at a limited speed (maximum permitted value 11.2 mi/h).



### 7.4.1 - COMMISSIONING THE REGULATOR WITH MANUAL RESET

To commission the regulator (A), with and without excess flow shut-off device, proceed as indicated in Tab. 7.37.:

Step	Action
1	Slowly open the shut-off valve upstream of the regulator (A) to feed it.
2	Unscrew the protection cap (B) of the reset knob (C).
3	Engage the knob (C) in the cap (B) through the special built-in hook.
	Slowly pull the knob (C) with the cap (B) until the slam-shut device engages (the knob must not remain inside the cover (E) of the slam-shut valve).
4	NOTICE
	The greater the resistance encountered when pulling the knob (C), the higher the pressure upstream of the regulator (A).
	Press the reset button (D) of the excess flow safety device, keeping the knob (C) pulled, by about 2/3".
5	NOTICE
	Keep the knob (C) pulled until the downstream pressure is stable.
6	Put the protection cap (B) back in place.
	Check that the slam-shut valve for maximum downstream pressure remains engaged.
7	NOTICE
	The slam-shut valve for maximum downstream pressure was reset if the knob (C1) protrudes
	completely from the cover tang.

Tab. 7.37.

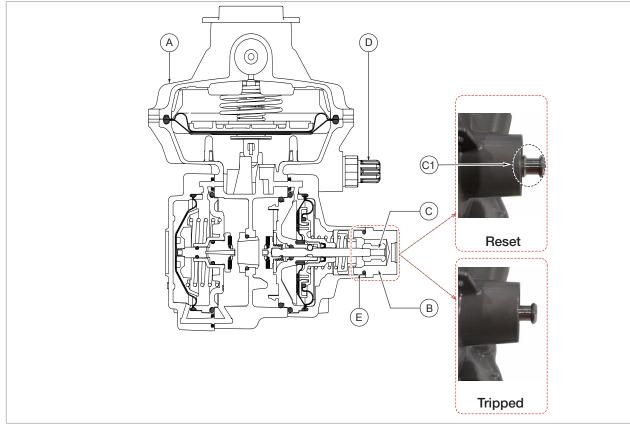


Fig. 7.12. Commissioning with manual reset



### 7.4.2 - START-UP OF THE REGULATOR WITH AUTOMATIC RESET EXCESS FLOW VALVE

To commission the regulator (A) with automatic excess flow valve reset, proceed as shown in Tab. 7.38.:

Step	Action
1	Slowly open the shut-off valve upstream of the regulator (A) to feed it.
2	Unscrew the protection cap (B) of the reset knob (C).
3	Engage the knob (C) with the cap (B) through the special built-in hook.
4	Slowly pull the knob (C) with the cap (B) until the slam-shut device engages (the knob must not remain inside the cover (D) of the slam-shut valve).
	The greater the resistance encountered when pulling the knob (C), the higher the pressure upstream of the regulator (A).
5	Release the reset knob (C).
6	Put the protection cap (B) back in place.
7	Wait for the safety device to automatically reset due to excess flow. The reset time is proportional to the volume downstream of the regulator.
	Should the device not reset, make sure there are no leaks downstream of the regulator.
	Once reset (Step 7), check that the slam-shut valve for maximum downstream pressure remains reset.
8	<b>NOTICE</b> The slam-shut valve for maximum downstream pressure was reset if the knob (C1) protrudes completely from the cover tang.

Tab. 7.38.

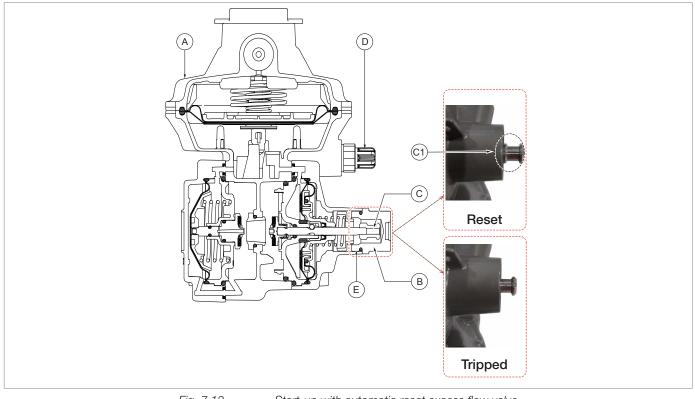


Fig. 7.13.

Start-up with automatic reset excess flow valve

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# 7.5 - PROPER COMMISSIONING CHECK

Check the connections made during the installation of the equipment (refer to chapter 6 "Installation") for proper sealing through a foaming solution (or equivalent control system).

# 7.6 - RESET OF SAFETY DEVICES AFTER COMMISSIONING

### **A** DANGER

Before resetting the safety devices, eliminate the causes that caused them to trip.

#### **A**CAUTION

- The maximum pressure slam-shut device is not reset if overpressure has not been eliminated in the network, downstream of the regulator.
- The excess flow safety device will not reset if the fault has not been eliminated on the network.



While resetting the safety devices, the relief valve can temporarily trip.



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# 8 - FUNCTIONAL CHECKS

#### 8.1 - GENERAL WARNINGS

# NOTICE

The equipment does not need any periodic checks and maintenance procedures.

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**PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A.** shall not be held liable for any damage to people and property due to services provided without its approval.

#### **A**WARNING

If you have doubts or there are any functional faults, do not operate. Contact PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A. for the necessary clarifications.

In the event of equipment faults, proceed as follows:

Step	Action	
1	Close the shut-off valve downstream of the equipment.	
2	Close the shut-off valve upstream of the equipment.	
3	Ensure that the pressure upstream and downstream of the equipment is "0".	
4	Contact PIETRO FIORENTINI S.p.A.	

Tab. 8.39.



# 8.2 - PERIODICALLY CHECKING AND INSPECTING THE EQUIPMENT FOR PROPER OPERATION

# **A**DANGER

Checks and inspections must be carried out only by qualified technicians.

Periodic checks and inspections	
Operator qualification	Commissioning technician.
	AWARNING
PPE required	The PPE listed in this table is related to the risk associated with the equipment. For the PPE required to protect against risks associated with the workplace,
	installation or operating conditions, please refer to:
	<ul> <li>the regulations in force in the country of installation;</li> </ul>
	any information provided by the Safety Manager at the installation facility.

Tab. 8.40.

### 8.2.1 - FUNCTIONAL CHECKS OF SAFETY DEVICES

To check the safety devices for proper operation, it is necessary:

- that the system has a shut-off valve downstream of the regulator;
- that the system is set up with a pressure outlet downstream of the regulator or that the regulator is equipped with a built-in pressure outlet (see paragraph 4.6.4);
- that an external pressure source with pressure control is available;
- that the external pressure source is connected to a pressure gauge and to a tap with a 0.16" maximum flow section.

# NOTICE

#### Gas dispersions in the environment must be reduced to the bare minimum.

To check the safety devices, proceed as described in Tab. 8.41.:

<b>1</b> C	
	Close the valve downstream of the regulator.
2	<ul> <li>Prepare the external pressure source with a pressure gauge to monitor the pressure.</li> <li><b>NOTICE</b></li> <li>The maximum pressure introduced downstream of the regulator must not exceed:</li> <li>4.4 psig for the BP version;</li> <li>14.5 psig for the MP version.</li> </ul>
3	Connect the external pressure source to the pressure outlet downstream of the system or, if any, to the pressure outlet on the regulator.          NOTICE         To use the pressure outlet on the regulator, see paragraph 4.6.4.
<b>4a</b> 1 2	<ul> <li>Pds (adjusted pressure) check:</li> <li>open the tap of the external pressure source;</li> <li>check that the pds value is ± 10% with respect to the value indicated on the nameplate applied.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>nternal sealing check:</li> <li>close the tap of the external pressure source;</li> <li>check that the downstream pressure value is stable over time (wait for about 2 minutes).</li> </ul>

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Step	Action
4c	<ul> <li>Checking the slam-shut device for tripping due to maximum downstream pressure:</li> <li>1. open the external pressure source by increasing the pressure by approximately: <ul> <li>0.029 psig/s for the BP version;</li> <li>0.072 psig/s for the MP version;</li> </ul> </li> <li>until the slam-shut device trips due to maximum pressure when the reset knob clicks;</li> <li>2. check that the tripping value of the slam-shut device is ± 15% with respect to the value indicated on the nameplate applied (pdso).</li> </ul> <b>NOTICE</b> If the pressure increase is difficult due to the opening of the relief valve, it is possible to partially plug the discharge conveyor (A) on the first stage cover with a finger to allow the pressure to increase downstream of the regulator.
5	Reset the slam-shut device for maximum downstream pressure by pulling the reset knob.
6	Disconnect the external pressure source outlet.
7	Close the downstream pressure outlet (Step 3) checking that there are no leaks.
8	Open the shut-off valve closed at Step 1.

Tab. 8.41.



# 8.3 - TIGHTENING TORQUES

NOTICE

For the tightening torques of the swivel joints, refer to standards: NF E29-533: 2014 and NF E29-536: 2017.

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# 9 - UNINSTALLATION AND DISPOSAL

## 9.1 - GENERAL SAFETY WARNINGS

### **A** DANGER

Make sure that there are no potentially explosive ignition sources in the work area set up to uninstall and/ or dispose of the equipment.

### **A**WARNING

Before proceeding with uninstallation and disposal, make the equipment safe by disconnecting it from any power supply.

# 9.2 - QUALIFICATION OF THE OPERATORS IN CHARGE

Commissioning	
Operator qualification	Installer.
	<b>A</b> WARNING
PPE required	The PPE listed in this table is related to the risk associated with the equipment.
	For the PPE required to protect against risks associated with the workplace, installation or operating conditions, please refer to:
	<ul> <li>the regulations in force in the country of installation;</li> </ul>
	any information provided by the Safety Manager at the installation facility.

Tab. 9.42.

### 9.3 - UNINSTALLATION

#### **A**CAUTION

Before uninstalling the equipment, completely drain the fluid in the reduction line and inside the equipment.

To properly uninstall the equipment, proceed as specified in Tab. 9.43.:

Step	Action
1	Close the valves upstream and downstream of the regulator.
	Depressurise the downstream system.
2	<b>NOTICE</b> If there is no pressure outlet downstream, loosen the outlet connection from the regulator, creating a slight leak towards the outside.
	Unscrew the inlet and outlet fittings of the regulator.
3	<b>ACAUTION</b> Although the system is depressurised (Step 2), there may be a small gas discharge while the inlet fittings are disassembled.

Tab. 9.43.



# 9.4 - INFORMATION REQUIRED IN CASE OF NEW INSTALLATION

# NOTICE

Should the equipment be reused after uninstallation, please refer to chapters: "Installation" and "Commissioning".

# 9.5 - DISPOSAL INFORMATION

# NOTICE

- Proper disposal prevents damage to humans and the environment and promotes the reuse of precious raw materials.
- Bear in mind that the regulations in force in the country of installation must be complied with.
- Illegal or improper disposal involves the application of the penalties provided for by the regulations in force in the country of installation.

The equipment was manufactured with materials that can be recycled by specialised companies. For proper disposal of the equipment, proceed as specified in Tab. 9.44.:

Step	Action
1	Set up a large work area free from obstacles where to safely dismantle the equipment.
2	Sort the various components by type of material for easier recycling through separate collection.
3	Send the materials obtained in Step 2 to a specialised company.

Tab. 9.44.

The equipment in any configuration consists of the following materials:

Material	Present in	Disposal/recycling indications				
Nitrile rubber	• O-rings	It must be dismantled and disposed of separately.				
Nitrile rubber (BP Version)	<ul><li>Diaphragms</li><li>Diaphragms</li></ul>	It must be dismantled and disposed of separately.				
Canvas rubber (TR Version)	<ul><li>Diaphragms</li><li>Diaphragms</li></ul>	It must be dismantled and disposed of separately.				
Plastic	<ul><li>Caps</li><li>Discs</li></ul>	It must be dismantled and disposed of separately				
Steel	• Springs	Disassemble and collect separately. It must be recycled through the specific collect centres.				
Aluminium alloy	<ul><li>Equipment body</li><li>Lids</li></ul>	Disassemble and collect separately. It must be recycled through the specific collection centres.				

Tab. 9.45.

# NOTICE

The above materials refer to standard versions. Different materials can be provided for specific needs.



#### **10.1 - CALIBRATION TABLES**

# NOTICE

When the value indicated on the regulator plate is equal to the minimum or maximum value of a spring referred to in the tables (Tab. 10.46, Tab. 10.47, Tab. 10.48, Tab. 10.49 and Tab. 10.50), the spring installed in the regulator is the one featuring the minimum range value equal to the calibration value specified on the data plate.

HEAD BP FE25 USA									
Pos.	Spring item code	Spring colour	Spring range ("w.c.)		Spring range (psig)		Spring range (mbar)		
			Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	
1	US64470401GI	Yellow	6	9	0.22	0.32	14.9	22.4	
2	US64470360VE	Green	8.8	11.2	0.32	0.40	22	27.9	
3	US64470361RO	Red	11.2	15.3	0.40	0.55	27.9	38.1	
4	US64470364GR	Grey	40.1	56.2	1.45	2.03	100	140	
5	US64470365NE	Black	56.2	72.2	2.03	2.61	140	180	
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Tab. 10.46.

HEAD BP FE50 USA									
Pos.	Spring item code	Spring colour	Spring range ("w.c.)		Spring range (psig)		Spring range (mbar)		
			Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	
1	US64470358BL	Blue	6	9	0.22	0.32	14.9	22.4	
2	US64470401GI	Yellow	8.5	10.5	0.31	0.38	22	27.9	
3	US64470360VE	Green	10.5	13	0.38	0.47	27.9	38.1	
4	US64470364GR	Grey	40.1	56.2	1.45	2.03	100	140	
5	US64470365NE	Black	56.2	72.2	2.03	2.61	140	180	
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Tab. 10.47.

HEAD MP FE25-50 USA									
Pos.	Spring item code	Spring colour	Spring range ("w.c.)		Spring range (psig)		Spring range (mbar)		
			Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	
1	US64470365NE	Black	120.4	160.6	4.35	5.8	300	400	

Tab. 10.48.



OPSO BP FE25-50									
Pos.	Spring item code	Spring colour	Spring range ("w.c.)		Spring range (psig)		Spring range (mbar)		
			Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	
1	US64470501GI	Yellow	16	20	0.58	0.72	39.8	49.8	
2	US64470502GI	Yellow	20	35	0.72	1.26	49.8	87.2	
3	US64470503VE	Green	35	44	1.26	1.59	87.2	110	
4	US64470504RO	Red	44	65	1.59	2.32	110	160	
5	US64470505RS	Fuchsia	65	97	2.32	3.5	160	240	

Tab. 10.49.

OPSO MP FE25-50								
Pos.	Spring item	Spring colour	Spring range ("w.c.)		Spring range (psig)		Spring range (mbar)	
	code		Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
1	US64470169GR	Grey	120	200.7	4.3	7.25	300	500
2	US64470168BI	White	200.7	321.2	7.25	11.6	500	800
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Tab. 10.50.









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