Pilot-to-Open Check Valves

PILOT OPERATED

THREE PORT PILOT-TO-OPEN CHECK



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TECHNICAL TIPS / PERFORMANCE CURVES Pilot-to-Open Check Valves, External Pilot, Non-vented

Applications

Pilot operated checks are used to hold loads in position and for that reason should be mounted as close to the actuator as possible. Pilot-to-open checks are non-modulating, on/off devices that allow free flow through the check valve from port 2 (valve) to port 1 (load). Reverse flow is blocked until a pilot pressure directly proportional to the load pressure is sensed at port 3 (pilot), so that a pilot piston displaces the check from its seat.

Design Concepts and Features

- 3:1 pilot ratio is suitable for most applications.
- Low leakage when closed, less than 1 drop/min.
- Optional, emergency manual release screw, in case pilot pressure is not available.
- Pilot piston leakage is present on **CK*B** models between port 3 and port 2 in order to purge trapped air in the pilot line. Optional models (CK*D) feature a sealed pilot piston for applications where cross-port leakage is undesirable.

Note: Pressure at port 2 is directly additive to the pilot pressure required at port 3 (pilot). For applications where this occurs, a 4 port vented pilot operated check cartridge (CV*V-***) should be considered

Performance Curves

0

160

320

Q = L/min.

480 640





0

0

80

160

Q = L/min.

240 320

General Application Requirements

- Operating Temperature Range: Buna-N seals -45° C to 90° C, Viton seals -15° C to 120° C.
- Viscosity Range: 10-600 centistokes.
- Fluid Contamination Level: ISO 4406 18/15 or better; Recommend $\beta_{10} \ge 75$ to achieve ISO 18/15 or better in most systems.
- Factory Pressure Setting for cartridge is established at cracking flow.

