

Process Valves Model Selection 1

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Air, Inert gas

Fluid	Action	Series	Remarks	Applicable port size			
				One-touch fittings			
				— M5	6 1/8	8 1/4	
Air, inert gas	Direct operated	VDW		ø3.2, ø4, ø6	●	●	●
		VX2		ø6, ø8, ø10, ø12		●	●
		VXK2				●	●
		VXE	Only low wattage, DC type			●	●
		VX3				●	●
	Pilot operated	VXD		ø10, ø3/8", ø12			●
		VXZ	Zero pressure differential operation	ø10, ø3/8", ø12			●
		VXP					●
		VQ20/30	For dry air	ø6, ø8, ø10, ø12			
	External pilot piston	VNA				●	●
		VNB				●	●



Series VDW



Series VX2



Series VXK2



Series VXE



Series VX3

Vacuum

Fluid	Action	Series	Remarks	Applicable port size			
				One-touch fittings			
				— M5	6 1/8	8 1/4	
Vacuum	Low vacuum	Direct operated	VDW		●	●	●
			VX2			●	●
			VXK2			●	●
			VX3/VXV3			●	●
	Medium vacuum	Direct operated	VDW		●	●	
			VX2			●	●
			VX3	Option: V, M		●	●
	High vacuum	External pilot piston	VNB			●	●
			XL				
			XM/XY				
		XVD	Flow rate adjustment				



Series VDW



Series VXV3

Model Selection

Applicable port size											Page
Thread type fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)								Flange fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)			
10	15	20	25	32	40	50	32	40	50		
3/8	1/2	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	2	1 1/4	1 1/2	2		P.371
●	●										P.27
●											P.73
●	●										P.190
●	●										P.306
●	●	●	●				●	●	●		P.101
●	●	●	●								P.152
●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		P.243
											P.423
●	●	●	●	●	●	●					P.468
●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	P.476



Series VXD



Series VXZ



Series VXP



Series VQ20/30



Series VNA



Series VNB

Applicable port size											Page
Thread type fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)								Flange fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)			
10	15	20	25	32	40	50	32	40	50		
3/8	1/2	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	2	1 1/4	1 1/2	2		P.371
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●											P.306
											P.371
●	●										P.27
●											P.306
●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	P.476
Vacuum KF: 16, 25, 40, 50, 63, 80; K63, 80											Best Pneumatics No. 8
Vacuum KF: 16, 25, 40, 50, 63, 80; K63, 80											
For VCR 1/4; For swage lock: S1/4											



Series XL



Series XM/XY



Series XVD

Process Valves

Model Selection 2

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Water

Fluid	Action	Series	Remarks	Applicable port size				
				One-touch fittings				
				— M5	6 1/8	8 1/4		
Water	Direct operated	VDW		ø3.2, ø4, ø6	●	●	●	
		VX2				●	●	
		VXK2					●	●
		VXE	Only low wattage, DC type				●	●
		VX3					●	●
	Pilot operated	VXD						●
		VXZ	Zero pressure differential operation					●
		VXP						●
		VXR	Water hammer relief					
		VXH	Only AC type, 2 MPa or less					●
	External pilot piston	VNB					●	●

Heated water

Fluid	Action	Series	Remarks	Applicable port size				
				One-touch fittings				
				— M5	6 1/8	8 1/4		
Heated water	Direct operated	VX2				●	●	
		VXK2				●	●	
		VX3	Option: E, P			●	●	
	Pilot operated	VXD						●
		VXZ	Zero pressure differential operation, Option					●
		VXP	Option: E, P					●
		VXR	Water hammer relief, Option: D					
		VNB					●	●
	External pilot piston	VNB					●	●



Series VDW



Series VX2



Series VXK2



Series VXE



Series VXD



Series VXZ

Model Selection

Applicable port size											Page
Thread type fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)							Flange fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)				
10	15	20	25	32	40	50	32	40	50		
3/8	1/2	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	2	1 1/4	1 1/2	2		
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Applicable port size											Page
Thread type fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)							Flange fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)				
10	15	20	25	32	40	50	32	40	50		
3/8	1/2	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	2	1 1/4	1 1/2	2		
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	●	●	●	●	●	●					
●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		



Series VX3



Series VXP



Series VXR



Series VXH



Series VNB

Process Valves Model Selection 3

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Oil

Fluid	Action	Series	Remarks					
				—	6	8		
				M5	1/8	1/4		
Oil	Direct operated	VX2			●	●		
		VXK2			●	●		
		VXE	Only low wattage, DC type, Option: A, H			●	●	
		VX3	Option: A, D, H, N			●	●	
	Pilot operated	VXH	Only AC type, 1.5 MPa or less				●	
		VXD					●	
		VXZ	Zero pressure differential operation				●	
		VXP	Option: A, D, H, N				●	
		VXR	Water hammer relief, Option: A, D					●
	External pilot piston	VNA				●	●	
VNB					●	●		

Steam

Fluid	Action	Series	Remarks					
				—	6	8		
				M5	1/8	1/4		
Steam	Direct operated	VX2			●	●		
		VXK2			●	●		
		VX3	Option: S, Q			●	●	
		VXS					●	
	Pilot operated	VXP	Option: S				●	
	External pilot piston	VND					●	



Series VX2



Series VXK2



Series VXE



Series VXS



Series VXP



Series VXR



Series VNA

Model Selection

Applicable port size											Page
Thread type fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)							Flange fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)				
10	15	20	25	32	40	50	32	40	50		
3/8	1/2	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	2	1 1/4	1 1/2	2		
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Applicable port size											Page
Thread type fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)							Flange fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)				
10	15	20	25	32	40	50	32	40	50		
3/8	1/2	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	2	1 1/4	1 1/2	2		
●	●										
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Series VX3



Series VXH



Series VXD



Series VNB



Series VND

Process Valves

Model Selection 4

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High pressure compressed air

Fluid	Action	Series	Remarks						
				—	6	8	10		
				M5	1/8	1/4	3/8		
High pressure compressed air	Direct operated	VXE	Only low wattage, DC type, 3 MPa or less		●				
	Pilot operated	VXH	Only AC type, 2 MPa or less			●	●		
		VCH40	Only G thread type, 5 MPa or less						
		VCH400							

* Only G thread type

Coolant

Fluid	Action	Series	Remarks					
				—	6	8	10	
				M5	1/8	1/4	3/8	
Coolant	External pilot piston	SGC					●	
		SGH					●	
		VNC		●	●	●	●	
		VNH					●	



Series VXE



Series VXH



Series VCH40



Series VCH400

Chemical liquids, Pure water

Fluid	Action	Series	Remarks					
				—	6	8	10	
				M5	1/8	1/4	3/8	
Chemical liquids, Pure water	Pilot operated	LV	Female thread type, with fittings type available		●	●	●	
	Direct operated	LVM	With fittings type, female thread type available	●*				

* Body ported: M5; Base mounted: M6

Dust collector

Fluid	Action	Series	Remarks					
				20	25	40	50	
				3/4	1	1 1/2	2	
Dust collector	Pilot operated	VXF2	Dedicated for dust collector	●	●	●	●	

Applicable port size										Page
Thread type fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)						Flange fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)				
15	20	25	32	40	50	32	40	50		
1/2	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	2	1 1/4	1 1/2	2		P.190
●										P.265
	●*	●*								P.357
●*	●*	●*								P.362

Applicable port size											Page
Thread type fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)						Flange fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)					
15	20	25	32	40	50	32	40	50	65	80	
1/2	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	2	1 1/4	1 1/2	2	2 1/2	3	P.484
●	●	●									P.509
●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	P.528
●	●	●									P.538



Series SGC



Series SGH



Series VNC



Series VNH

Applicable port size										Page
Thread type fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)						Flange fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)				
15	20	25	32	40	50	32	40	50		
1/2	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	2	1 1/4	1 1/2	2		P.592
●	●	●								P.437

Applicable port size					Page
Thread type fitting (Nominal dia. A/Upper, Nominal dia. B/Lower)					
65	80	90	100		
2 1/2	3	3 1/2	4		P.267
●	●	●	●		



Series LV



Series LVM



Series VXF2

Solenoid Valve Flow Characteristics

(How to indicate flow characteristics)

1. Indication of flow characteristics

The flow characteristics in equipment such as a solenoid valve, etc. are indicated in their specifications as shown in Table (1).

Table (1) Indication of Flow Characteristics

Corresponding equipment	Indication by international standard	Other indications	Conformed standard
Pneumatic equipment	<i>C, b</i>	—	ISO 6358: 1989 JIS B 8390: 2000
	—	<i>S</i>	JIS B 8390: 2000 Equipment: JIS B 8373, 8374, 8375, 8379, 8381
		<i>Cv</i>	ANSI/(NFPA)T3.21.3: 1990
Process fluid control equipment	<i>Av</i>	—	IEC60534-2-3: 1997 JIS B 2005: 1995
	—	<i>Cv</i>	Equipment: JIS B 8471, 8472, 8473

2. Pneumatic equipment

2.1 Indication according to the international standards

(1) Conformed standard

ISO 6358: 1989 : Pneumatic fluid power—Components using compressible fluids—Determination of flow-rate characteristics

JIS B 8390: 2000 : Pneumatic fluid power—Components using compressible fluids—How to test flow-rate characteristics

(2) Definition of flow characteristics

The flow characteristics are indicated as a result of a comparison between sonic conductance **C** and critical pressure ratio **b**.

Sonic conductance C : Value which divides the passing mass flow rate of an equipment in a choked flow condition by the product of the upstream absolute pressure and the density in a standard condition.

Critical pressure ratio b : Pressure ratio (downstream pressure/upstream pressure) which will turn to a choked flow when the value is smaller than this ratio.

Choked flow : The flow in which the upstream pressure is higher than the downstream pressure and where sonic speed in a certain part of an equipment is reached.

Gaseous mass flow rate is in proportion to the upstream pressure and not dependent on the downstream pressure.

Subsonic flow : Flow greater than the critical pressure ratio

Standard condition : Air in a temperature state of 20°C, absolute pressure 0.1 MPa (= 100 kPa = 1 bar), relative humidity 65%.

It is stipulated by adding the “(ANR)” after the unit depicting air volume. (standard reference atmosphere)

Conformed standard: ISO 8778: 1990 Pneumatic fluid power—Standard reference atmosphere, JIS B 8393: 2000: Pneumatic fluid power—Standard reference atmosphere

(3) Formula for flow rate

It is described by the practical units as following.

When

$$\frac{P_2 + 0.1}{P_1 + 0.1} \leq b, \text{ choked flow}$$

$$Q = 600 \times C (P_1 + 0.1) \sqrt{\frac{293}{273 + t}} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

When

$$\frac{P_2 + 0.1}{P_1 + 0.1} > b, \text{ subsonic flow}$$

$$Q = 600 \times C (P_1 + 0.1) \sqrt{1 - \left[\frac{P_2 + 0.1}{P_1 + 0.1} - b \right]^2} \sqrt{\frac{293}{273 + t}} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Q: Air flow rate [dm³/min (ANR)], dm³ (Cubic decimeter) of SI unit are also added to be described by L (liter).
1 dm³ = 1 L

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C : Sonic conductance [dm³/(s·bar)]

b : Critical pressure ratio [—]

P₁ : Upstream pressure [MPa]

P₂ : Downstream pressure [MPa]

t : Temperature [°C]

Note) Formula of subsonic flow is the elliptic analogous curve.

Flow characteristics are shown in Graph (1) For details, please make use of SMC's "Energy Saving Program".

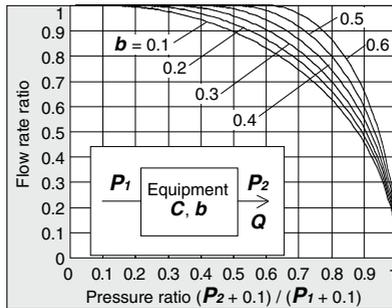
Example)

Obtain the air flow rate for **P₁** = 0.4 [MPa], **P₂** = 0.3 [MPa], **t** = 20 [°C] when a solenoid valve is performed in **C** = 2 [dm³/(s·bar)] and **b** = 0.3.

According to formula 1, the maximum flow rate = $600 \times 2 \times (0.4 + 0.1) \times \sqrt{\frac{293}{273 + 20}} = 600$ [dm³/min (ANR)]

Pressure ratio = $\frac{0.3 + 0.1}{0.4 + 0.1} = 0.8$

Based on Graph (1), it is going to be 0.7 if it is read by the pressure ratio as 0.8 and the flow ratio to be **b** = 0.3. Hence, flow rate = Max. flow x flow ratio = 600 x 0.7 = 420 [dm³/min (ANR)]



Graph (1) Flow characteristics

(4) Test method

Attach a test equipment with the test shown in Fig. (1) while maintaining the upstream pressure to a certain level which does not go below 0.3 MPa. Next, measure the maximum flow to be saturated in the first place, then measure this flow rate at 80%, 60%, 40%, 20% and the upstream and downstream pressure. And then, obtain the sonic conductance **C** from this maximum flow rate. Besides that, substitute each data of others for the subsonic flow formula to find **b**, then obtain the critical pressure ratio **b** from that average.

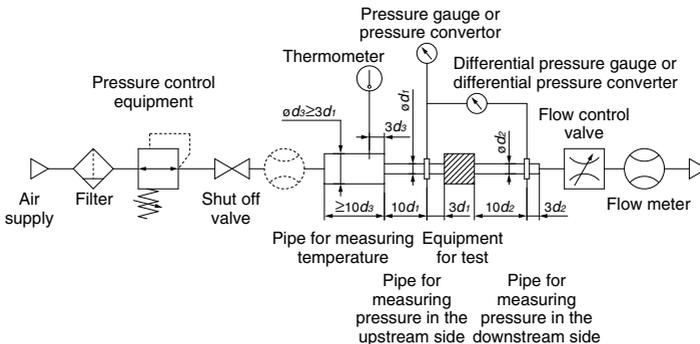


Fig. (1) Test circuit based on ISO 6358, JIS B 8390

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2.3 Flow coefficient C_v factor

The United States Standard ANSI/(NFPA)T3.21.3: 1990: Pneumatic fluid power—Flow rating test procedure and reporting method for fixed orifice components

Defines the C_v factor of flow coefficient by the following formula which is based on the test conducted by the test circuit analogous to ISO 6358.

$$C_v = \frac{Q}{114.5 \sqrt{\frac{\Delta P (P_2 + P_a)}{T_1}}} \quad \dots\dots\dots(7)$$

ΔP : Pressure drop between the static pressure tapping ports [bar]

P_1 : Pressure of the upstream tapping port [bar gauge]

P_2 : Pressure of the downstream tapping port [bar gauge]: $P_2 = P_1 - \Delta P$

Q : Flow rate [dm³/s standard condition]

P_a : Atmospheric pressure [bar absolute]

T_1 : Upstream absolute temperature [K]

Test conditions are $P_1 + P_a = 6.5 \pm 0.2$ bar absolute, $T_1 = 297 \pm 5$ K, $0.07 \text{ bar} \leq \Delta P \leq 0.14$ bar.

This is the same concept as effective area A which ISO 6358 stipulates as being applicable only when the pressure drop is smaller than the upstream pressure and the compression of air does not become a problem.

3. Process fluid control equipment

(1) Conformed standard

IEC60534-2-3: 1997: Industrial process control valves. Part 2: Flow capacity, Section Three-Test procedures

JIS B 2005: 1995: Test method for the flow coefficient of a valve

Equipment standards: JIS B 8471: Solenoid valve for water

JIS B 8472: Solenoid valve for steam

JIS B 8473: Solenoid valve for fuel oil

(2) Definition of flow characteristics

Av factor: Value of the clean water flow rate represented by m³/s which runs through a valve (equipment for test) when the pressure difference is 1 Pa. It is calculated using the following formula.

$$Av = Q \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{\Delta P}} \quad \dots\dots\dots(8)$$

Av : Flow coefficient [m²]

Q : Flow rate [m³/s]

ΔP : Pressure difference [Pa]

ρ : Density of fluid [kg/m³]

(3) Formula of flow rate

It is described by the practical units. Also, the flow characteristics are shown in Graph (2).

In the case of liquid:

$$Q = 1.9 \times 10^6 Av \sqrt{\frac{\Delta P}{G}} \quad \dots\dots\dots(9)$$

Q : Flow rate [L/min]

Av : Flow coefficient [m²]

ΔP : Pressure difference [MPa]

G : Relative density [water = 1]

In the case of saturated aqueous vapor:

$$Q = 8.3 \times 10^6 Av \sqrt{\Delta P (P_2 + 0.1)} \quad \dots\dots\dots(10)$$

Q : Flow rate [kg/h]

Av : Flow coefficient [m²]

ΔP : Pressure difference [MPa]

P_1 : Upstream pressure [MPa]: $\Delta P = P_1 - P_2$

P_2 : Downstream pressure [MPa]

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Conversion of flow coefficient:

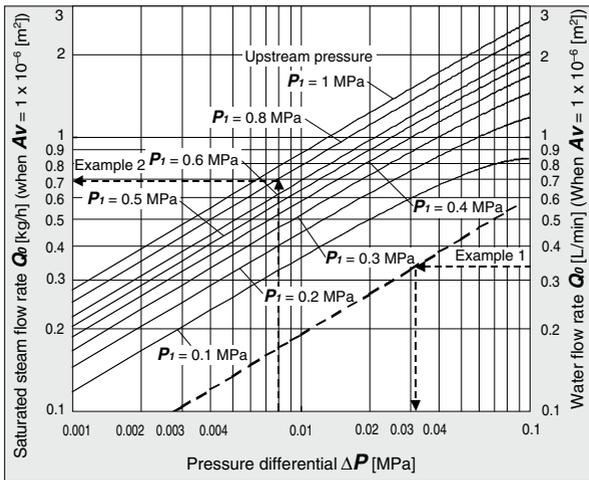
$$Av = 28 \times 10^{-6} Kv = 24 \times 10^{-6} Cv \dots\dots\dots(11)$$

Here,

Kv factor : Value of the clean water flow rate represented by m³/h which runs through a valve at 5 to 40°C, when the pressure difference is 1 bar.

Cv factor (Reference values): Figures representing the flow rate of clean water by US gal/min which runs through a valve at 60°F, when the pressure difference is 1 lbf/in² (psi).

Value is different from **Kv** and **Cv** factors for pneumatic purpose due to different test method.



Graph (2) Flow characteristics

Example 1)

Obtain the pressure difference when water 15 [L/min] runs through a solenoid valve with an $Av = 45 \times 10^{-6} [m^2]$. Since $Q_0 = 15/45 = 0.33 [L/min]$, according to Graph (2), if reading ΔP when Q_0 is 0.33, it will be 0.031 [MPa].

Example 2)

Obtain the saturated steam flow rate when $P_i = 0.8 [MPa]$, $\Delta P = 0.008 [MPa]$ with a solenoid valve with an $Av = 1.5 \times 10^{-6} [m^2]$.

According to Graph (2), if reading Q_0 when P_i is 0.8 and ΔP is 0.008, it is 0.7 [kg/h]. Hence, the flow rate $Q = 0.7 \times 1.5 = 1.05 [kg/h]$.

(4) Test method

Attach a test equipment with the test circuit shown in Fig. (3). Next, pour water at 5 to 40°C, then measure the flow rate with a pressure difference of 0.075 MPa. However, the pressure difference needs to be set with a large enough difference so that the Reynolds number does not go below a range of 4×10^4 . By substituting the measurement results for formula (8) to figure out Av .

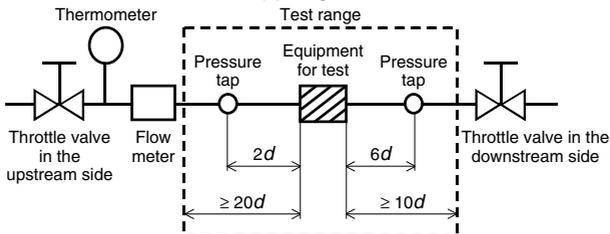
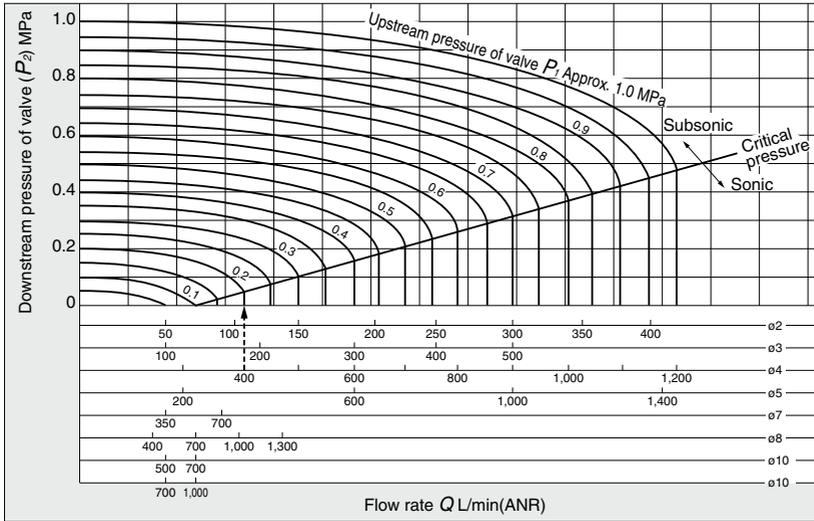


Fig. (3) Test circuit based on IEC60534-2-3, JIS B 2005

Flow Characteristics

Note) Use this graph as a guide. In the case of obtaining an accurate flow rate, refer to pages 10 through to 14.

For Air



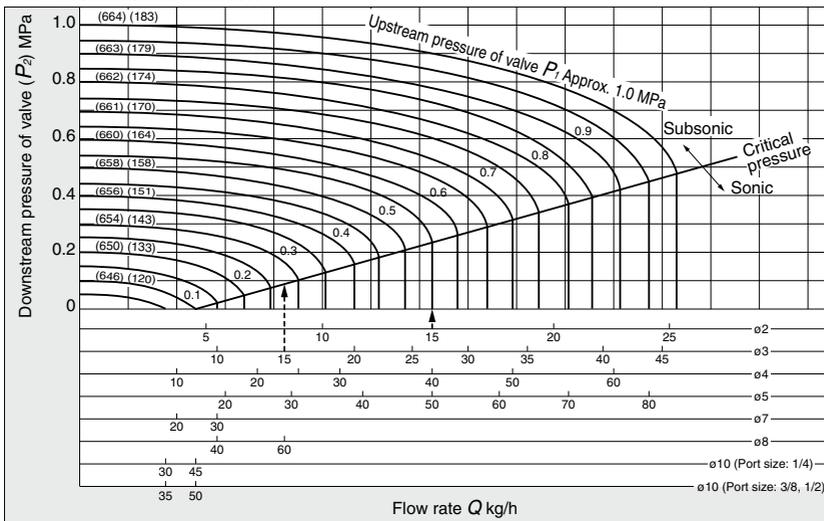
How to read the graph

The sonic range pressure to generate a flow rate of 400 L/min (ANR) is

P_1 Approx. 0.2 MPa for a $\phi 4$ orifice and

P_1 Approx. 0.58 MPa for a $\phi 3$ orifice.

For Saturated Steam



How to read the graph

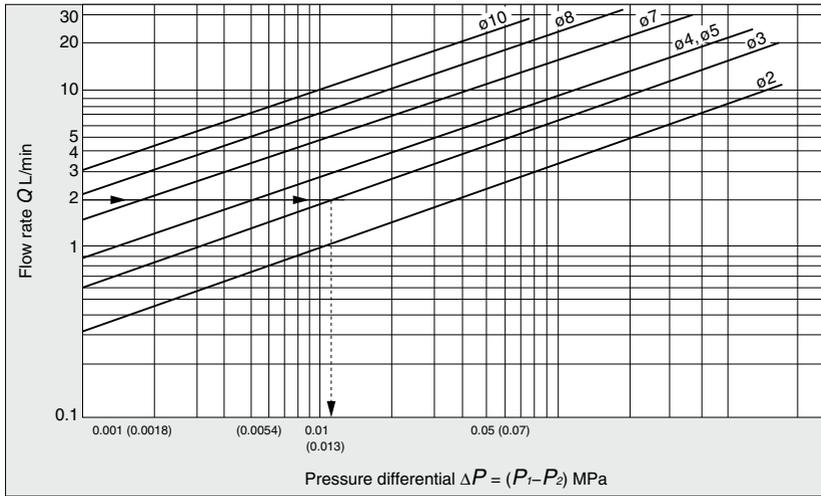
The sonic range pressure to generate a flow rate of 15 kg/h is

P_1 Approx. 0.55 MPa for $\phi 2$ orifice and P_1 Approx. 0.28 MPa for $\phi 3$ orifice.

The holding heat slightly differs depending on the pressure P_1 , but at 15 kg/h it is approximately 9700 kcal/h.

Flow Characteristics

For Water



How to read the graph

When a water flow of 2 L/min is generated, ΔP Approx. 0.013 MPa for a valve with $\phi 3$ orifice.