Product Description

The SERIES 20 PILOT is a reversible pressure control regulator designed for use on Flowgrid® and FlowMax® valves. It can be used for pressure reducing (PRV), backpressure (BPV or Relief), and differential pressure applications. The Series 20 Pilot is designed for both Gas and Liquid applications.

Series 20 - Brass construction with 3 to 450 PSI control pressure range.

Series 20H - High pressure brass construction with a 200 to 900 PSI control pressure range.

Series 20S - Stainless steel construction with a 3 to 450 control pressure range.

Series 20HS - High pressure, Stainless steel construction with a 200 to 900 PSI control pressure range.

The parts in all constructions are interchangeable. The high pressure constructions (Series 20H and 20HS) differ from the Series 20 and 20S with the addition of a diaphragm spacer assembly that reduces the effective area of the diaphragm and increases the spring range of the black and green springs.

Unloading and Loading Valve Schematics

Installation

Maintenance

Warranty

General Description

(Refer to page 2, Figure 1)

Spring Housing (1): The Pilot Spring Housing is provided with a 1/4 inch NPT vent connection which may be piped to a safe area or pressure loaded for remote control of the pressure setting. The Spring Housing may also be pressurized for use in differential pressure control or remote control applications. The Main Spring may be changed by simply removing the Closing Cap (1A).

Body Insert Assembly (2): A removable Body Insert Assembly (Cartridge), at the bottom of the Pilot Body, contains the inner valve mechanism. The inner valve is reversible so that the Main Spring will either open the valve (Pressure Reducing mode) or close the valve (Back Pressure or Relief mode). The cartridge may be replaced with a spare unit for fast trouble shooting or repair. The Body Insert Assembly is also field repairable.

Inlet and Loading Ports (3): The inlet port is common with the loading port through an internal passage in the pilot. A Restrictor is normally connected directly to the inlet port. The loading port is used to connect and mount the pilot to the loading chamber of the valve to be operated.
**Sensing Port (4):** The Series 20 pilot has separate sensing and outlet (discharge) connections. The sensing connection is “static” which means that there is no flow in the sensing line and the true pipeline pressure is measured at the diaphragm.

**Outlet Port (5):** The Outlet (discharge) port must be connected to the valve outlet or outlet pressure system. Separate Sensing and Outlet ports make piping easier and facilitates piping working monitor and standby monitor systems using a variety of piping and control schemes.

**Diaphragm Spacer Assembly (6):** The addition of this assembly converts the Series 20 & 20S Pilot into the high pressure Series 20H & 20HS. It reduces the pilot diaphragm area and increases the spring range of the black and green springs.

**NOTE:** The pilot is designed for use with an external restrictor (refer to PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION SECTION of this manual). The restrictor may be a needle valve or rotary scratch valve such as the TYPE 24 Flowgrid® Restrictor and would normally be installed in the pilot INLET connection (3).

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<td>Body Style</td>
<td>Pressure Reducing (PRV) &amp; Back Pressure (BPV)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Orifice Size Connections</td>
<td>0.15 Inches 1/4&quot; NPTF</td>
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<td>Temperature</td>
<td>Working 20°F to 150°F Emergency -40°F to 200°F</td>
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<td>Maximum Inlet Pressure</td>
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<td>Set Pressure Range</td>
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*Refer to Table 4 (page 3) for specific spring ranges.

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*Delrin Orifice used in High Pressure BPV applications only.

**Table 3**

![Figure 1](image-url)
Table 4

PILOT MARKINGS

1. Location of the Pilot nameplate.
2. Location of spring range nameplate. The factory marks the nameplate to indicate which spring is installed at manufacture date. If the spring is changed make sure to note it on the nameplate.
3. The month and year the pilot is manufactured is noted on the Spring Case, Body, and Body Insert of the pilot.

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*Spacer on Adjustment Screw Required

FLOWGRID® PILOT

SERIES 20/20H/20S/20HS

CONTROL PRESSURE
SENSE PRESSURE
INLET & OUTLET PRESSURE
LOADING PRESSURE
SPRING CASE (VENT) PRESSURE

BOLT TORQUE 8 & 8-
DO NOT ADJUST SPRING ABOVE MAXIMUM SPECIFIED RANGE

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Figure 3 - Nameplate for Series 20, 20H, 20S, & 20HS Flowgrid® Pilots.

SPRING RANGE

RED 3 - 12 PSI
PLATED 10 - 40 PSI
BLUE 25 - 90 PSI
PURPLE 60 - 200 PSI
* BLACK 100 - 260 PSI
* GREEN 200 - 450 PSI

* ADJUSTING SCREW SPACER REQUIRED

Figure 4 - Spring Range Nameplate for Series 20 & 20S Flowgrid® Pilots.

Figure 2

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<th>Item</th>
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<tr>
<td>Flowgrid® Pilot</td>
<td>Trademarked name of pilot.</td>
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<td>SERIES...</td>
<td>Model number of pilot.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Control Pressure</td>
<td>The control pressure is limited to the (Refer to Fig. 4 for Series 20 &amp; 20S pilots</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sense Pressure</td>
<td>Maximum allowable pressure in sense</td>
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<td>Inlet &amp; Outlet Pressure</td>
<td>Maximum allowable pressure (psig) to the Inlet and Outlet ports.</td>
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<td>Loading Pressure</td>
<td>Maximum allowable pressure (psig) to the Loading port.</td>
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<td>Spring Case (Vent) Pressure</td>
<td>Maximum allowable pressure (psig) to the Spring Case (Vent) port.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bolt Torque</td>
<td>Recommended bolt torque for spring case in foot pounds.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Red, Cadmium, Blue, Purple, Black and Green</td>
<td>Each spring is color coded to indicate the control pressure range</td>
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<tr>
<td>Adjusting...</td>
<td>The black and green springs require a spacer on the adjusting screw to avoid over compression.</td>
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Figure 5 - Spring Range Nameplate for Series 20H & 20HS Flowgrid® Pilots.
Series 20 Pilot – Unloading and loading type valve installation

**WARNING**

Personal injury, equipment damage, or leakage due to explosion of accumulated gas or bursting of pressure containing parts may result if this valve/regulator is overpressured or is installed where service conditions could exceed the limits given in the specification of this manual or on the nameplate, or where conditions exceed any ratings of the adjacent piping or piping connections. Verify the limitations of both valve and pilot to ensure neither device is overpressured. To avoid such injury or damage, provide pressure relieving or pressure limiting devices (as required by the U.S. code of Federal Regulations, by the National Fire Codes of the National Fire Protection Association, or by other applicable codes) to prevent service conditions from exceeding those limits. Additionally, physical damage to the regulator, pilot, or tubing can cause personal injury and/or property damage due to explosion of accumulated gas. To avoid injury and damage, install the valve in a safe location.

**WARNING**

Gas Regulators installed in confined or enclosed spaces should be provided with adequate ventilation to prevent the possibility of gas buildup or accumulation from leaks and venting. Leaks or vented gas may accumulate causing personal injury, death, or property damage. Pilot spring cases and the regulator enclosure should be vented to a safe area away from air intakes, or any hazardous location. The vent lines and stacks must be protected against condensation and plugging.

1. **PERSONNEL:** Installation of the Series 20 Pilot the Flowgrid® Valve or any other manufacture’s valve should be made by qualified personnel familiar with high-pressure piping and Pilot-operated Regulators.

2. **PRIOR INSPECTION:** Inspect the Pilot for any damage that might have occurred in shipping.

3. **CONTROL ACTION:** Inspect to make sure the Body Insert Assembly (Cartridge) is in the correct operational mode. Remove the Body Insert Assembly and measure the stem extension from the Body Insert. (Refer to the Maintenance section of this manual - Figure 20 & Figure 22, page 9.)

   **Pressure Reducing Mode (PRV):** the stem extends 0.32 inches.

   **Back Pressure Mode (BPV):** the stem extends 0.45 inches.

   If incorrect, follow the Body Insert Assembly disassembly and assembly instructions in the Maintenance section of this manual.

4. **ORIENTATION:** The Series 20 Pilot may be installed in any position - the best position being one that provides easiest access for pilot adjustment and valve maintenance.

5. **PILOT MOUNTING:** Apply pipe dope to a short (1 1/2 inch long) 1/4 inch NPT Schedule 80 seamless pipe nipple and mount the pilot by connecting the loading connection on the pilot to the spring case or loading connection on the valve to be controlled. When mounting the Flowgrid® valve it is best if the pilot OUTLET connection is on the same side as the 1/4-inch NPT connections on the valve body. (Refer to the PIPING SCHEMATICS section of this manual.)

**NOTE:** To avoid galling when stainless steel to stainless steel connections are made, use a lubricant (such as NEVER SEEZ by Bostik1). For best results Lightly lubricate the female threads. Mixing the lubricant with pipe dope is also acceptable. When tightening do not exceed more than 1/4 turn past the point the threads start to bind.

6. **RESTRICTOR:** Mount a rotary scratch type restricting valve (such as the TYPE 24 RESTRICTOR) to the INLET port on the Flowgrid® Pilot. (Refer to PIPING SCHEMATICS section of this manual)

7. **PILOT SUPPLY LINES:** Run a 3/8-inch tubing or 1/4-inch pipe supply line from the upstream piping or from the valve body connection on the inlet side of the valve to the pilot restrictor. The pilot supply connection should have a full and clean opening.

8. **A FILTER** in the pilot supply line is recommended to remove dirt and other particulates that could affect the restrictor or variable orifice in the pilot. Refer to the Type 30 Filter I/O/M manual for installation instructions.

**NOTE:** A shutoff valve is not required in the supply to the pilot, but if one is installed it should be a full opening type.
9. PILOT DISCHARGE UNLOADING TYPE VALVES ONLY: Run 3/8 inch tubing or 1/4 inch pipe from the pilot OUTLET port to the downstream piping or to the connection provided on the outlet of the Flowgrid® valve as shown in the piping schematics. (Refer to page 4).

STANDBY MONITOR-Note: To ensure full capacity of a Standby Monitor regulator station, it is important that the pilot discharge of the upstream regulator be connected downstream of the station if the minimum pressure drop (across the entire station) is below 60 psig.

10. PILOT GAS HEATERS (OPTIONAL): Pilot supply gas can be heated to prevent the formation of ice or hydrates in the pilot system. Pilot supply gas heaters should be connected after the pilot filter (if one is used).

11. CONTROL LINES: Control lines should be run from the SENSE Port of the Flowgrid® Pilot mounted on the valve to a point 8 to 10 pipe diameters away from the valve (refer to Piping Schematics).

Use Table 5 as a guide for the ideal tubing to use. Reduce as necessary to connect to the pilot.

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<td>Static Sense Line (No Flow)*</td>
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<td>Sense Line with Flow**</td>
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*The Flowgrid® Series 20 Pilot has a static sense line. **The Sense line of the FlowMax Actuator has flow.

Table 5

NOTE: The control line connection should be away from areas of turbulence (such as valves, reducers, and elbows) and should have a full opening into the pipe, free from burrs, drill peels, and weld slag. Shutoff valves are not required in the control line(s), but if installed, they should be of the full opening type.

12. VENT VALVES AND GAUGE CONNECTIONS:

Troubleshooting recommendation. To aid in maintenance and troubleshooting, shut off and vent valves should be installed in tubing connections.

Maintenance

Pilot parts are subject to normal wear and must be inspected and replaced as necessary. The frequency of inspection and replacement of parts depends on severity of service conditions and/or the requirements of local, state, and federal regulations. Be certain that the name plates are updated to accurately indicate any field changes in equipment, materials, service conditions, or pressure settings.

WARNING

Before disassembly make sure the regulator and pilot have been isolated from the process by closing block valves on the inlet and outlet sides of the regulator. Safely release pressure and process fluid from the regulator body and pilot system. Failure to properly complete these steps may result in personal injury and property damage.

1. After depressurizing the pilot and main valve unscrew and remove Body Insert Assembly.
2. Remove the Stem O-ring from the pilot body using a suitable tool and being careful not to scratch the O-ring Groove.

NOTE: A spare Body Insert Assembly may be installed and the regulator returned to service if time is a factor. Make sure the Stem O-Ring is still in place in the Pilot Body before installing the new Body Insert Assembly or, if removed, slip a new O-Ring over the Stem of the Body Insert Assembly prior to installing it in the Pilot Body.

Figure 12 - A paper clip easily pops the O-Ring out of the pilot body.
Maintenance (cont’d)

Pilot Disassembly - All Series 20 pilots

3. Remove the Bottom Cap from the Body Insert and remove the internal parts. The Orifice Assembly can be easily pushed out of the Body Insert using a heavy paper clip or .045 diameter wire.

NOTE: Do not damage the O-Ring sealing surface of the Body Insert.

4. Inspect all parts for wear or damage. Replace as necessary.

5. **Pilot Diaphragm**: Release all spring tension by unscrewing Adjusting Screw. Remove Closing Cap, Spring Follower, and Main Spring. Remove Spring Housing Screws and remove Diaphragm Assembly. Disassemble Diaphragm Assembly and inspect Diaphragm. Replace if necessary.

![Figure 13 - The orifice can be pushed out of the Body Insert (Cartridge) using a paper clip.](image)

**Figure 13 - The orifice can be pushed out of the Body Insert (Cartridge) using a paper clip.**

Pilot Assembly - Series 20 & 20S
(Refer to Page 10 for the Series 20H & 20 HS Assembly Instructions)

1. **Diaphragm Assembly**: Install the Pilot Diaphragm with convex side toward Diaphragm Plate and Main Spring (refer to Figure 14). Tighten nut on the Diaphragm Retainer to approximately 5 to 6 ft-lbs torque.

   ![Diagram](image)

   **Figure 14 - Diaphragm Assembly for the Flowgrid® Series 20 & 20S Pilot.**

   **NOTE: Overtightening will distort the Pilot Diaphragm.**

2. Place Diaphragm Assembly in the pilot body with the diaphragm touching the grooved sealing surface of the pilot body. (Refer to Figure 15)

   ![Diagram](image)

   **Figure 15 - Placing Diaphragm Assembly on Pilot Body.**
Pilot Assembly - Series 20 & 20S

3. Place Spring Housing on Pilot Body with vent connection in desired position. It is recommended that the vent connection face down when the pilot is mounted on the regulator so that condensation will drain away instead of accumulating and possibly freezing.

4. Install Spring Housing Cap Screws. Use cap screws supplied and tighten evenly to 10 ft-lbs torque.

5. Install Spring and Spring Follower. Lubricate Spring Follower with a Petroleum Oil Grease such as Lubriplate NO. 1051.

6A. PILOTS WITH THE RED, CADMIUM, BLUE, AND PURPLE SPRINGS: Install Closing Cap with Adjusting Screw and Sealing Nut and O-Ring.

6B. PILOTS WITH BLACK AND GREEN SPRING: Install Closing Cap with Adjusting Screw, Spacer, Sealing Nut, and O-Ring. The spacer prevents the Black and Green springs from being over compressed.
**Maintenance (cont’d)**

**Body Insert (Cartridge) Assembly - All Pilots**

**Pressure Reducing (PRV) Mode**

7. Refer to Figure 20 & 21. Stack the following parts on the bottom cap in the order shown in the drawing:
- Return Spring
- Stem Guide
- Orifice Spring
- Plug and Stem
- Orifice
- Orifice O-Ring
- Back-up Washer

**Back Pressure or Relief (BPV) Mode**

7. Refer to Figure 22 & 23. Stack the following parts on the bottom cap in the order shown in the drawing:
- Return Spring
- Stem Guide
- Orifice Spring
- Orifice
- Orifice O-Ring
- Back-up Washer
- Plug and Stem

**NOTE:** The plug on the Stem will be ABOVE the Orifice Assembly for a Back Pressure or Relief Mode (refer to Figure 22).

The plug will be BELOW the Orifice for the Pressure Reducing Mode (refer to Figure 20).

The Orifice has a seating surface on both ends. The flange end of the Orifice must sit on the Orifice Spring.
NOTE: Over tightening an O-Ring Joint will not improve the seal. Screw in until metal parts make contact and snug slightly.

11. Pilot Assembly is now complete.

Pilot Assembly (cont’d) - Series 20 & 20S

8. Lubricate both Body Insert O-Rings with Parker O-Lube1 (or equivalent Petroleum based Lubricant) and install on Body Insert (Cartridge).

9. Body Insert Assembly: Lift Bottom Cap complete with valve mechanism and insert into Body Insert. The Orifice Spring should snap the Orifice into place as the Bottom Cap is screwed into place. Check the assembly by pushing the Stem against a hard surface to make sure it moves freely and returns to the extended position.

Measure the stem extension.
Pressure Reducing mode: 0.32 inches
Back Pressure or Relief mode: 0.45 inches

9. Lubricate Stem O-Ring with Parker Super-O-Lube1 (or equivalent Silicon Lubricant) and slip over Stem.

10. Insert Body Insert into Pilot Body and screw into place snugly.

Figure 25 - Insert Body Insert (Cartridge) with lubricated Stem O-Ring into the Pilot Body.

NOTE: Over tightening will distort the Pilot Diaphragm.

Pilot Assembly (cont’d) - Series 20H & 20HS

NOTE: The high pressure constructions (Series 20H & 20HS) differs for the Series 20 & 20S with the addition of a diaphragm spacer assembly that limits the effective area of the diaphragm and doubles the spring range of the black and green springs.

1. Diaphragm Assembly: Install the Pilot Diaphragm with convex side toward Diaphragm Plate and Main Spring (refer to Figure 26). Tighten nut on the Diaphragm Retainer to approximately 5 to 6 ft-lbs torque.

Figure 25. Insert Body Insert (Cartridge) with lubricated Stem O-Ring into the Pilot Body.

NOTE: Over tightening will distort the Pilot Diaphragm.
Maintenances (cont’d)
Pilot Assembly (cont’d) Series 20H & 20HS

2. Place Diaphragm Assembly in the pilot body with the diaphragm touching the grooved sealing surface of the pilot body and the O-Ring facing up. (Refer to Figure 26 & Figure 27).

3. Place Spring Housing on Pilot Body with vent connection in desired position. The recommended position is with the vent connection facing down when the pilot is mounted on the regulator so that condensation will drain away instead of accumulating and possibly freezing. (Refer to Figure 16)

4. Install Spring Housing Cap Screws. Use Cap Screws supplied and tighten evenly to 10 ft-lbs torque.

5. Install Spring and Spring Follower.

NOTE: The Flowgrid® SERIES 20H & 20HS use only the Black and Green Springs.

6. Follow assembly directions for Series 20 & 20S Pilot for steps 6B through 10. Note the exception to step 7 for the Series 20H & 20HS below.

7. The Series 20H and 20HS Pilots in back pressure mode require a delrin orifice and all stainless steel stem/plug in the Body Insert (Cartridge). Assemble the orifice assembly the same way you would the Back Pressure Body Insert (Cartridge) with the stainless steel orifice and stainless/nitrile stem/plug assembly. (Refer to Figure 22 & Figure 28).

Figure 27 - Placing high pressure Diaphragm Assembly on Pilot Body.

Figure 28 - The Series 20H & 20HS use a Delrin Orifice and Stainless Steel Plug/Stem assembly in the Back Pressure mode. The white Delrin material distinguishes itself from the standard stainless steel orifice.
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