Gas/Hydraulic Valve Operators
Safe and Efficient Gas Pipeline Control
Emerson Process Management – Valve Automation is recognized worldwide for the reliability of its actuators under the most demanding conditions. The gas/hydraulic products epitomize the quality and performance required for controlling high pressure natural gas pipelines in remote locations and under severe climatic conditions.

Bettis’ gas/hydraulic actuators are used to automate valves located on gas transmission pipelines, often travelling hundreds of miles through inhospitable areas where there are no low pressure instrument air or high pressure hydraulic supply lines available. Bettis actuators are available in either rotary, quarter-turn models or in linear models.

The gas/hydraulic actuators operate using pressurized gas from the pipeline as its power source, requiring reliability and safety features built into the valve operator system. Since the line gas is a potential hazard, Bettis actuators use a clean, non-explosive hydraulic fluid as an oil barrier rather than direct line gas.

**Features and Benefits**

- **High Pressure** - Uses a high pressure gas supply (typically from gas pipeline) as power source.
- **Excellent sealing** – All models have zero leak pistons and rod seals with materials selected to suit application.
- **High torques and thrusts** – Rotary quarter-turn models have torques to 6,000,000 lb in (678,000 Nm) and linear models with thrusts up to 650,000 lbs (2,891,200 N).
- **Adaptability** – Adaptable for all types of gas compositions including sour (NACE) and wet gas.
- **Aluminum alloy actuator body and controls** – For exceptional corrosion resistance and low temperature applications.
- **Many control system options** - including remote control, high/low shutoff and linebreak.
- **Hydraulic hand pump** for emergency operation.
- **Piston with non-metallic wear ring** to prevent piston/cylinder scuffing.
- **Reliable tanks** – Bettis actuators use pressure vessels manufactured and certified (U stamp) to ASME Section VIII as standard.
- **Standard operating temperature** is -50°F to 150°F (-46°C to + 66°C).
- **Standard operating pressure** to 1,440 PSIG.
Assembly and Features

Quarter-Turn Operators
Incorporates a scotch-yoke design for converting linear motion to rotary motion, with breakaway torques from 5,000 (565 Nm) to 6,000,000 lb. in (678,000 Nm).

- Readily adaptable for all quarter-turn valves, 90° +/- 10° adjustable rotation standard, limited rotation available.
- Standard light weight cast aluminum drive cases. Optional ductile iron or cast steel cases available.
- Replaceable top and bottom yoke bearings.
- Torque limiting devices available
- Integral drive rod deflection stabilizers to absorb side loads.
- Visual valve position indication
- Readily adaptable for fail safe operation.

Linear Gate Valve Operators
Hydraulic pressure generating thrust is applied directly to the valve stem through the piston/rod assembly providing full, direct power to the valve stem. These operators provide adjustable shock-free operation.

- Readily adaptable to all rising stem valves.
- Direct connection to the valve stem.
- Materials of construction to suit process or ambient conditions.
- Thrust limiting devices available.
- Special locking valve maintains operator and valve in any desired position and provides thermal relief protection.
- Visual valve position indication
- Readily adaptable for fail safe operation.
- Widely used in pipeline system, critical production and process applications.
Control Schematics (Quarter-turn Operator shown)

Typical Control Schematics for Two-Way Manual Operation

Operations:
- Operate 3-way valve (4) to open or close with power gas
- Operate selector valve (6) to enable respective handpump direction

Other control arrangements are available to suit customer applications. For example:
- Line break detection
- Fail close/open by remote signal
- Energize to open, manual close
- Energize to close, manual reset to open

Component List
Manual Operation
1. Operator
2. Line Valve
3. Gas/Hydraulic Tank
4. 3-Way Valve, Manual
5. Selector Valve
6. Speed Control Valve
7. Check Valve
8. Handpump
9. Filter
10. Handpump Safety Valve

Legend
- Power Gas
- Return
- Hydraulic
- Closed
- Electrical
- Instrument
- Field Connection
- Vent
- Plugged Port
- Open
- Signal

Typical Control Schematics for Two-Way Electric Operation

Operations:
- Energize solenoid ‘SC’ to close or “SO” to open
- Solenoids must be de-energized at end of stroke

Component List
Electric Operation
1. Operator
2. Line Valve
3. Gas/Hydraulic Tank
4. 3-Way Valve, Manual/Pilot
5. Selector Valve
6. Speed Control Valve
7. Check Valve
8. Handpump
9. Filter
10. Regulator
11. Relief Valve
12. Limit Switch
13. Solenoid Valve, N.C.
14. Handpump Safety Valve
Scotch Yoke Mechanism

The scotch yoke mechanism for Bettis quarter-turn valve operators produces a torque curve that closely matches the valve actuation requirements when converting linear output into rotary motion. The scotch yoke produces greater torque value at the beginning and end of each stroke of the piston, precisely where it is required to operate most types of valves. The torque outputs produced by double-acting actuators are expressed as breakaway and run torque. The breakaway torque is that produced at the beginning and the end of the scotch yoke rotation. The run torque is that produced at the mid-point (45 degrees) of the scotch yoke rotation.

Emerson brands for most common control accessories:

- Digital Valve Controllers: Fisher®
- Positioners: Fisher®
- Regulators: Fisher®
- Switch boxes: TopWorx
- Wireless position monitor: TopWorx
- Solenoid valves: ASCO Numatics™
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