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## Foreword

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## Introduction

In pneumatic fluid power systems, power is transmitted and controlled through a gas under pressure within a circuit.

When pressure reduction or pressure regulation is required, regulators and filter-regulators are components designed to maintain the pressure of the gas at an approximately constant level.

It is, therefore, necessary to know some performance characteristics of these components in order to determine their suitability for an application.



# Pneumatic fluid power — Compressed air pressure regulators and filter-regulators —

## Part 1: Main characteristics to include in supplier's literature and product-marking requirements

### 1 Scope

This document specifies which characteristics of compressed air pressure regulators are required to be included in the literature from the supplier. It also applies to filter-regulators.

This document applies to:

- manually controlled direct operated types (with relieving mechanisms such as a relieving pressure regulator, or without relieving mechanism),
- manually controlled internal pilot operating types (e.g. nozzle flapper), and
- pressure-pilot operated types.

In addition, it specifies the product marking requirements for pressure regulators and filter-regulators.

This document is applicable to compressed air pressure regulators with a rated inlet pressure of up to 2 500 kPa (25 bar)<sup>1)</sup> and an outlet adjustment pressure of up to 1 600 kPa (16 bar) and to filter-regulators with rated inlet and outlet pressures of up to 1 600 kPa (16 bar), in which the major contaminants are removed by mechanical means.

NOTE The main characteristics to be included in the supplier's literature related to electrically modulated pneumatic continuous pressure control valves are specified in ISO 10094-1.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 2944, *Fluid power systems and components — Nominal pressures*

ISO 5598, *Fluid power systems and components — Vocabulary*

ISO 5782-2:1997, *Pneumatic fluid power — Compressed-air filters — Part 2: Test methods to determine the main characteristics to be included in supplier's literature*

ISO 6358-1, *Pneumatic fluid power — Determination of flow-rate characteristics of components using compressible fluids — Part 1: General rules and test methods for steady-state flow*

ISO 6953-2:2024, *Pneumatic fluid power — Compressed air pressure regulators and filter-regulators — Part 2: Test methods to determine the main characteristics to be included in literature from suppliers*

1) 1 bar = 0,1 MPa = 10<sup>5</sup> Pa; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

ISO 10094-1, *Pneumatic fluid power — Electro-pneumatic pressure control valves — Part 1: Main characteristics to include in the supplier's literature*

ISO 11727, *Pneumatic fluid power — Identification of ports and control mechanisms of control valves and other components*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5598, ISO 6358-1, ISO 10094-1 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1

##### **compressed air pressure regulator**

component designed to maintain compressed air pressure, approximately constant within an enclosed circuit despite variation in operating flow rate and inlet pressure

#### 3.2

##### **manual air pressure regulator**

*compressed air pressure regulator* (3.1) in which the outlet pressure is set by using a control knob

#### 3.3

##### **pressure-pilot air pressure regulator**

*compressed air pressure regulator* (3.1) in which the outlet pressure is set by using pressure piloting

#### 3.4

##### **relieving pressure regulator**

pressure regulator equipped with an unloading device that opens if the regulated pressure exceeds the original setting by a sufficient degree, and exhausts a limited flow rate of air from the outlet circuit to the atmosphere

#### 3.5

##### **filter-regulator**

device that combines the filter and regulator onto one body as a single unit

Note 1 to entry: In such a device, the filter is always on the upstream side of the regulator.

#### 3.6

##### **pilot-operated regulator with air bleed**

regulator designed to minimize the variation of regulated pressure from its set point during flow, using a pilot supply that continuously flows through the pilot chamber and is exhausted

#### 3.7

##### **flow rate-pressure characteristic curve**

graphical representation of the relationship between the regulated pressure and the forward flow rate or the relief flow rate while the outlet set pressure and the inlet pressure are maintained constant

Note 1 to entry: The flow rate-pressure characteristic curve is forward (if the flow direction is from the inlet to the outlet), or relief (if the flow direction is from the outlet to the relieving mechanism).

#### 3.8

##### **pressure regulation characteristic**

graphical representation of regulated pressure variation caused by changes in inlet (supply) pressure, at a constant small air flow rate and low regulated pressure