

Installation & Maintenance Instructions

2-WAY INTERNAL PILOT-OPERATED SOLENOID VALVES
NORMALLY CLOSED OPERATION — FUEL GAS SERVICE
3/4", 1", 1 1/4", 1 1/2", 2 1/2", OR 3" NPT

SERIES

8042

Form No.V5982R4

NOTICE: See separate solenoid installation and maintenance instructions for information on: Wiring, Solenoid Temperature, Causes of Improper Operation and Coil Replacement.

DESCRIPTION

Series 8042 valves are 2-way normally closed internal pilot-operated solenoid valves design for fuel gas service. Valve bodies are made of rugged aluminum with trim and internal parts made of steel and stainless steel. Series 8042 valves may be provided with a general purpose or explosionproof solenoid enclosure.

Provisions for Pressure and Seat Leakage Testing

(See Figure 1.)

Series 8042 valves are provided with four 1/8" tapped and plugged holes, two on either side of valve body. Two upstream for pressure testing; two downstream for seat leakage testing. Leakage testing frequency shall be at least annually in accordance with NFPA-86 or original equipment manufacturer recommendations. Testing is also required after valve disassembly and reassembly for inspection, cleaning or rebuilding.

OPERATION

Normally Closed: Valve is closed when solenoid is de-energized; open when energized.

NOTE: No minimum operating pressure differential required.

INSTALLATION

Check nameplate for correct catalog number, pressure, voltage, frequency and service. Never apply incompatible fluids or exceed pressure rating of the valve. Installation and valve maintenance to be performed by qualified personnel.

Temperature Limitations

For valve ambient and fluid temperatures, refer to chart below.

Watt Rating	Insulation Class	Minimum and Maximum Ambient and Fluid Temperatures
59.5 or 66	H	32°F (0°C) to 104°F (39°C)
59.5 or 66 †	F	32°F (0°C) to 77°F (25°C)

† When valve catalog number is prefixed RFB or RFF.

Positioning

Valve must be mounted with solenoid vertical and upright.

Piping

CAUTION: Piping must comply with applicable local and national codes and ordinances, including the National Fuel Gas Code ANSI Z223.1/NFPA No. 54.

Connect piping to valve according to markings on valve body. Apply pipe compound sparingly to male pipe threads only. If applied to valve threads the compound may enter the valve and cause operational difficulty. Avoid pipe strain by properly supporting and aligning piping. When tightening the pipe, do not use valve or solenoid as a lever. Locate wrenches applied to valve body or piping as close as possible to connection point. Valves should be checked for external leakage at piping connections after installation, see *Testing for External Leakage* section.

CAUTION: To avoid damage to the valve body DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN PIPE CONNECTIONS. If TEFLON* tape, paste, spray or similar lubricant is used, use extra care when tightening due to reduced friction.

CAUTION: To protect the solenoid valve, install a strainer or filter, suitable for the service involved, in the inlet side as close to the valve as possible. Clean periodically depending on service conditions. See ASCO Series 8600, 8601 and 8602 for strainers.

Testing for External Leakage

WARNING: To prevent the possibility of severe personal injury or property damage, extinguish all open flames and avoid any type of sparking or ignition.

1. Block gas flow on downstream side of valve.
2. Apply pressure to valve within nameplate rating and energize solenoid.
3. Apply a soapy solution or a commercially available leak detecting solution to the pipe connections and check for bubbles. If the valve has been tested for seat leakage or disassembled and reassembled for inspecting, cleaning, or rebuilding apply the solution around solenoid base sub-assembly, bonnet/body joint and pipe plugs.
4. If leakage exists, depressurize valve and turn off electrical power supply. Tighten connections as required and retest following the above steps.

MAINTENANCE

WARNING: To prevent the possibility of personal injury or property damage, turn off electrical power, depressurize valve, extinguish all open flames and avoid any type of sparking or ignition. Vent hazardous or combustible fluid to a safe area before servicing the valve.

NOTE: It is not necessary to remove the valve from the pipeline for repairs.

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Cleaning

All solenoid valves should be cleaned periodically. The time between cleanings will vary depending on the medium and service conditions. In general, if the voltage to the coil is correct, sluggish valve operation, excessive noise, or leakage will indicate that cleaning is required. In the extreme case, faulty valve operation will occur and the valve may fail to open or close. Clean strainer or filter when cleaning the valve.

Preventive Maintenance

- Keep medium flowing through the valve as free from dirt and foreign material as possible.
- While in service, the valve should be operated at least once a month to ensure proper opening and closing.
- Depending on the medium and service conditions, periodic inspection of internal valve parts for damage or excessive wear is recommended. Thoroughly clean all parts. If parts are worn or damaged, install a complete ASCO Rebuild Kit.

Causes of Improper Operation

- **Incorrect Pressure:** Check valve pressure. Pressure to valve must be within range specified on nameplate.
- **Excessive Leakage:** Disassemble valve and clean all parts. If parts worn or damaged install a complete ASCO Rebuilt Kit.

Valve Disassembly (Refer to Figure 3)

1. Remove solenoid enclosure, see separate instructions.
2. Unscrew solenoid base sub-assembly with special wrench adapter provided in ASCO Rebuild Kits. For wrench adapter only, order Wrench Kit No. K098674.

▲ CAUTION: Hold valve bonnet firmly when removing screws; closing spring exerts 5 pounds of force on valve bonnet.

3. Remove bonnet screws, valve bonnet, solenoid base gasket, closing spring, spring retainer, spring guide (2 1/2" and 3" NPT constructions only), core/diaphragm sub-assembly and body gasket.

Note: The body gasket may be an integral part of the core/diaphragm sub-assembly or a loose piece.

4. All parts are now accessible to clean or replace. If parts are worn or damaged, install a complete ASCO Rebuild Kit.

Valve Reassembly

1. Reassemble using exploded view for identification and placement of parts.
2. Lubricate solenoid base gasket, and body gasket with a light coat of DOW CORNING® 200 Fluid lubricant or an equivalent high-grade silicone fluid.
3. Apply a light coat of RemGrit TFL 50® Dry Lubricant or equivalent to:
 - Valve seat
 - Valve body flange where diaphragm assembly seats against valve body and body gasket.
 - Internal surface of valve bonnet where diaphragm assembly seats when valve is in the energized (open position).

IMPORTANT: If valve has been disassembled for inspection and cleaning only and a Rebuild Kit is not being installed, lubricate the following parts with RemGrit TFL 50® Dry Lubricant or equivalent before re-installing.

- Diaphragm assembly on both sides
- Main disc at base of core/diaphragm sub-assembly.
- Pilot disc at base of core assembly.

▲ CAUTION: Do not distort hanger spring between core assembly and diaphragm assembly when lubricating pilot disc.

4. Install body gasket and core/diaphragm sub-assembly in valve body.
5. Position spring retainer, spring guide (2 1/2" and 3 NPT valve constructions only) and closing spring over onto core/diaphragm assembly. For 2 1/2" and 3" NPT valve constructions, large diameter (large turn) of closing spring seat into and against valve bonnet.
6. Replace valve bonnet and thread bonnet screws into valve body as far as possible. Then torque screws in a crisscross manner. For 3/4" NPT valves, torque bonnet screws to 70 ± 8 in-lbs [7,9 ± 0,9 Nm]. For 1", 1 1/4", 1 1/2" and 2" NPT valves torque screws to 100 ± 10 in-lbs [11,3 ± 1,1 Nm]. For 2 1/2" and 3" NPT valves, torque bonnet screws to 250 ± 25 in-lbs [28,3 ± 2,8 Nm].
7. Lubricate the bonnet threads of the solenoid base sub-assembly with Dow Corning Corporation's MOLYKOTE® M-77 Paste lubricant or an equivalent high-grade lubricant to prevent galling. Replace solenoid base gasket and solenoid base sub-assembly. Torque solenoid base sub-assembly to 50 ± 10 ft lbs [67,8 ± 13,6 Nm].
8. Replace solenoid see separate instructions and make electrical hookup.

▲ WARNING: To prevent the possibility of severe personal injury or property damage, check valve for proper operation before returning to service. Also perform internal seat and external leakage tests (with a nonhazardous, noncombustible fluid if practical).

9. Check valve for external leakage as indicated under the *Piping* section, and for internal (seat) leakage as follows.

Testing for Internal (Seat) Leakage (Refer to Figure 2)

▲ CAUTION: Be sure valve can be tested without affecting other equipment.

1. Shut off both the upstream and downstream manual gas cocks. The downstream manual gas cock should remain closed throughout the entire test procedure.
2. Program the control system to operate the valve through five cycles. Listen carefully for the solenoid coil to *click* indicating proper operation.
3. Open the upstream manual gas cock. Program the control system to energize and maintain the valve in the open (energized) position. Check all valve and piping connections for external leaks with rich soap and water solution or a commercially available leak detecting solution.
4. Shut off the upstream manual gas cock and de-energize valve. Remove the plug from the leak test tap or downstream pressure tap in the valve body. Connect leak test equipment with the test petcock in the closed position see Figure 2.

▲ WARNING: Some gas will be released to the atmosphere when the 1/8" NPT pipe plug is removed.

5. Open the upstream manual gas cock. Program the control system to energize the valve to the full open position, then immediately de-energize it to seat the valve operationally.

6. Immerse the 1/4" leak test tubing vertically into a jar of water to a depth of about 1/2". Slowly open the test petcock. Bubbles may appear in the water as the pressure equalizes.
7. After the rate of bubbles coming through the water stabilizes, count the number of bubbles appearing in a 10 second period. The allowable leakage in 10 seconds for an orifice diameter of 1 inch (25.4 mm) or less is 6 bubbles (3 cc/min). For valves with an orifice diameter over 1 inch (25.4 mm) the allowable leakage rate is 6 bubbles (3 cc/min.) per inch (25.4 mm) of orifice diameter. If leakage exceeds this rate, replace valve.
9. Turn on the gas supply at the upstream manual gas cock and energize the valve.
10. Open the upstream manual gas cock. Program the control system to energize and maintain the valve in the open (energized) position. Check 1/8" NPT pipe plug connection for external leaks with rich soap and water solution or a commercially available leak detecting solution.
11. De-energize the valve. Open the downstream manual gas cock.
12. Restore the system to normal operation.

NOTE: The leakage rate above recognizes that some wear and contamination from use can result in a slight amount of leakage. The allowable leakage rate is well within the leakage limits as recognized by applicable approval agencies.

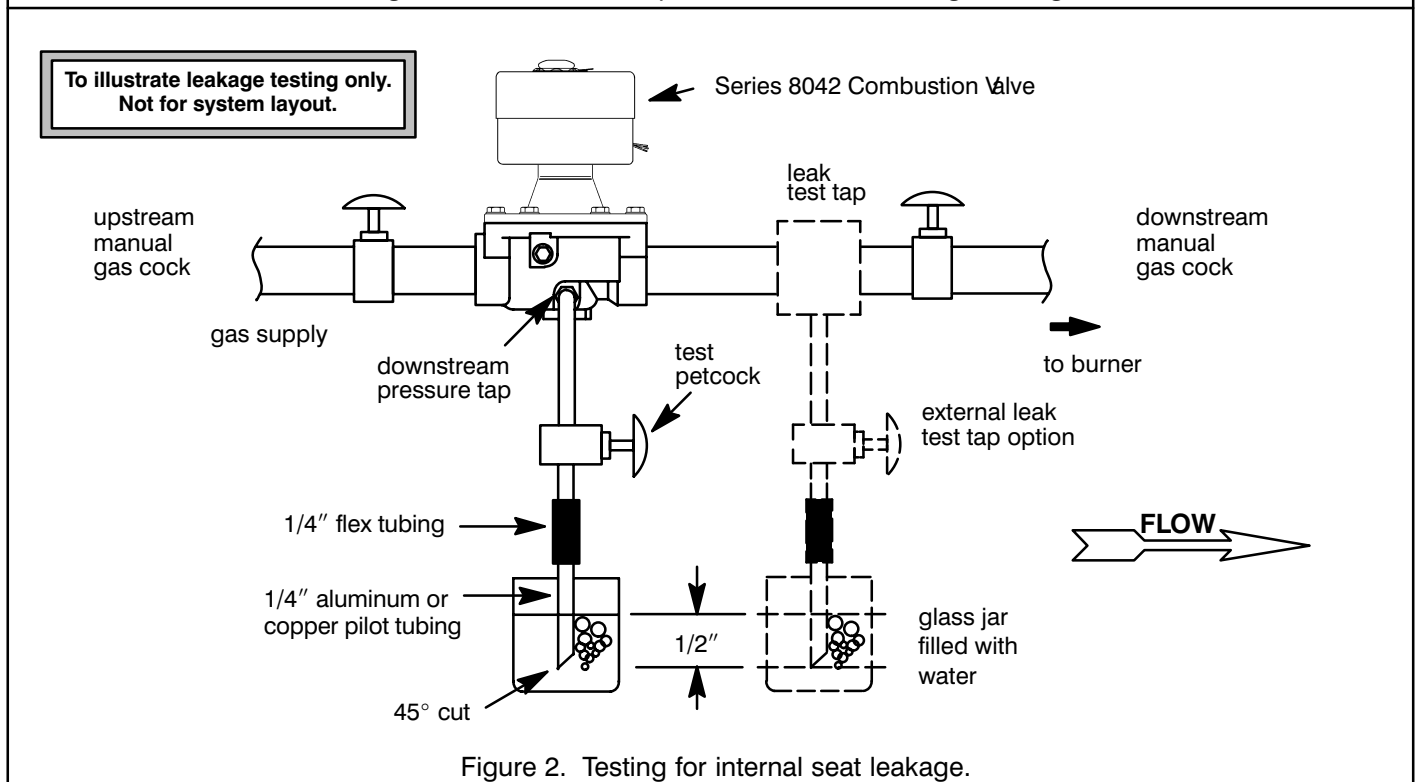
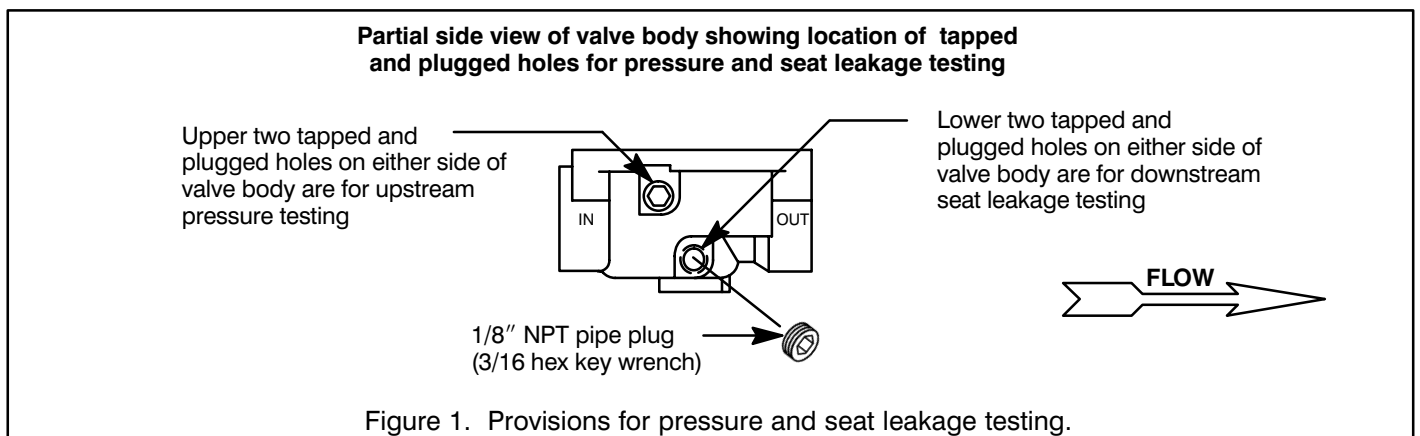
8. Close the upstream manual gas cock and the test petcock. Then remove the test equipment. Apply a small amount of Loctite Corporation's PST® Pipe Sealant 567 (or equivalent) to the pipe plug threads. Reinstall the pipe plug and tighten securely.

⚠ WARNING: Some gas will be released to the atmosphere when the test equipment is removed.

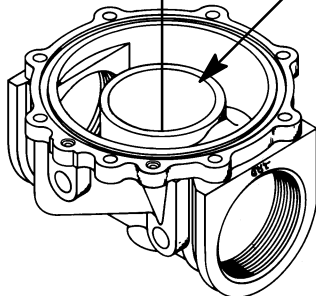
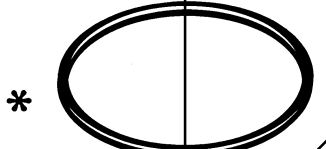
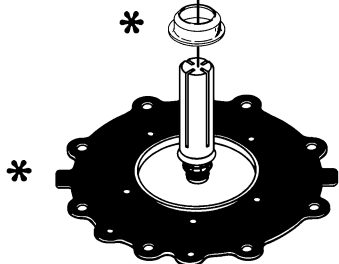
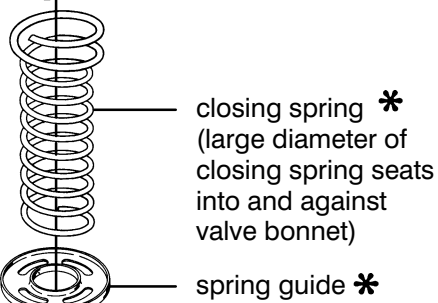
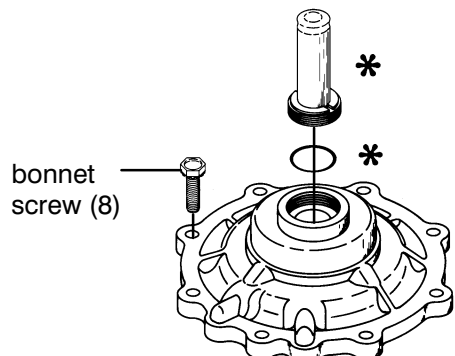
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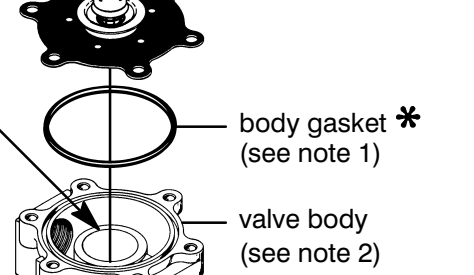
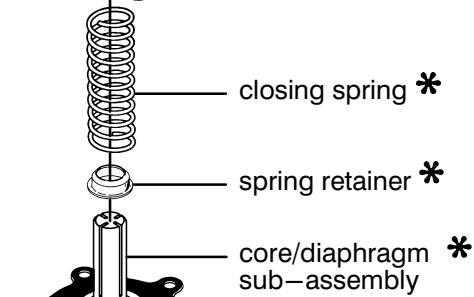
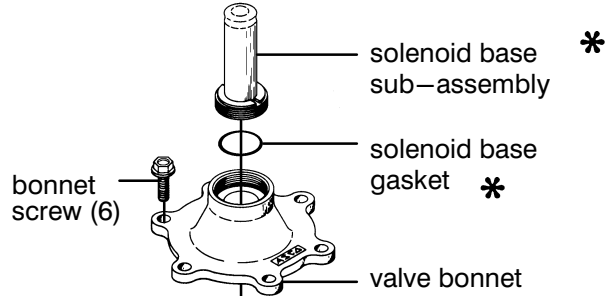
Parts marked with an asterisk (*) in the exploded view are supplied in Rebuild Kits. When Ordering Rebuild Kits for ASCO valves, order the Rebuild Kit number stamped on the valve nameplate. If the number of the kit is not visible, order by indicating the number of kits required, and the Catalog Number and Serial Number of the valve(s) for which they are intended.



CAUTION
Closing spring exerts 5 lbs force on valve bonnet



CAUTION
Do not damage valve seat



3/4" through 2" NPT valve construction shown

2 1/2" and 3" NPT valve construction shown

Notes:

1. Body gasket may be an integral part of core/diaphragm sub-assembly or a loose piece.
2. Tapped and plugged holes not shown in this view.

* Indicates parts supplied in ASCO Rebuild Kit



Figure 3. Series 8042 valve without solenoid.