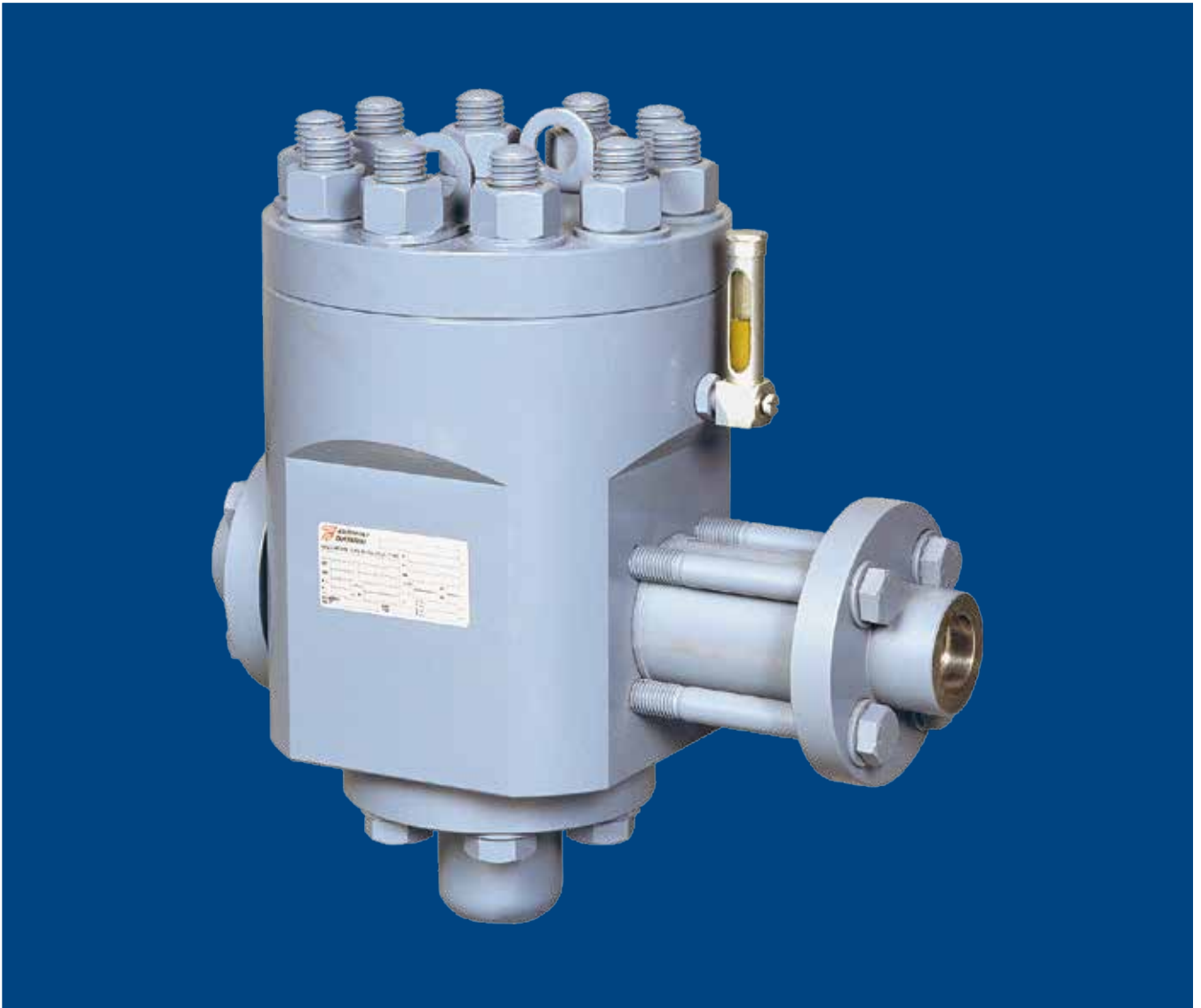


# PRESSURE REGULATORS

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RLC/20 regulators are pneumatic-loaded and feature counterbalanced valve. They are normally employed in gas distributing stations for automotive use.

They can also be employed in installations for industrial use using high pressure gas compressed in cylinders and cylinder-truck installations normally fed through the pipeline.

The main features are as follows:

- **Counterbalanced Shutter**
- **Welding or Threaded Flanges Configurations**
- **Version With Relief Valve**
- **Built-in Filter**

## Operation

The stem S is controlled by the piston P on the opposite surfaces of which are balanced in one side the downstream pressure and on the other side the setting static pressure.

The causes that can intervene to modify this state of balance are:

1. increase of the request of gas
2. reduction of the request of gas
3. increase of the inlet pressure
4. reduction of the inlet pressure

An Increase of the request of gas causes a reduction of the downstream pressure in the chamber C1.

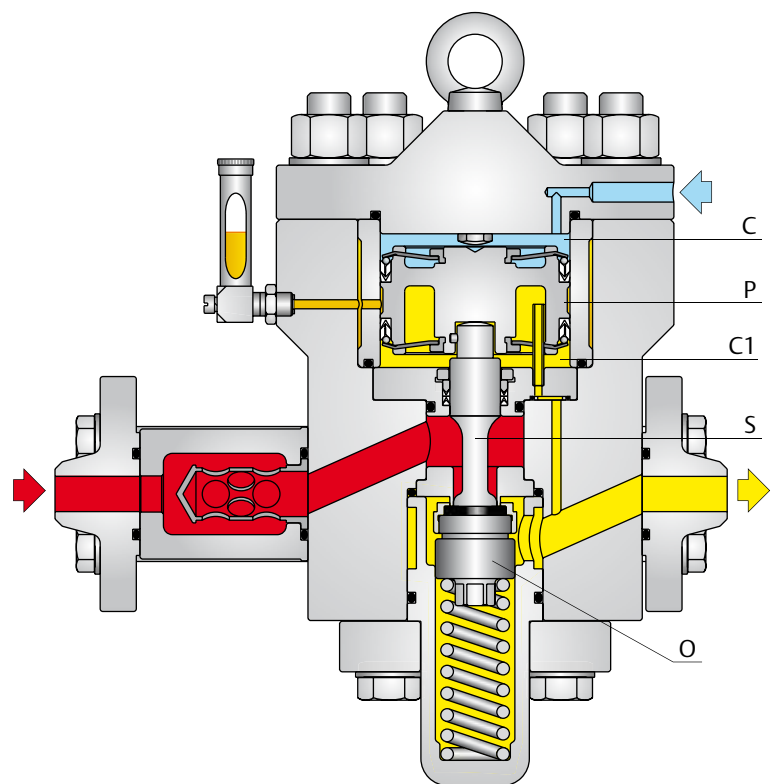
The difference of pressure which is thus formed between the chambers C and C1 operating on the piston P causes the opening of the shutter O until the balance of the setting and downstream pressure is obtained again.

In the case 2 a reduction of the request of gas causes an increase of the downstream pressure.

The downstream pressure prevailing on the setting pressure causes a rising of the piston P and therefore of the shutter O.

The reduction of useful section for the passage which is the consequence of this, reduces the downstream pressure to its initial value.

The cases 3 and 4 are similar to the previous ones because, to the effects of the operation, an Increase or a reduction of the absorption correspond respectively to a reduction or to an increase of the inlet pressure.



■ Inlet Pressure      ■ Downstream Pressure      ■ Setting Pressure

## Features

### Technical Features

Body allowable pressure	PS	: 320 bar
Inlet pressure range	bpu	: 30 to 320 bar
Outlet Set Pressure Ranges	Wd	: 20 to 250 bar
Min. operating differential pres.	$\Delta p_{\min}$	: 10 bar

### Functional Features

Accuracy class	AC	: up to $\pm 2,5\%$
Lock-up pressure class	SG	: up to +5%
Class of lock-up pressure zone	Sz	: up to 10%

#### Built-in relief valve

Setting at +5% of the regulator setting value

#### Orifice

3/4"

#### Connections

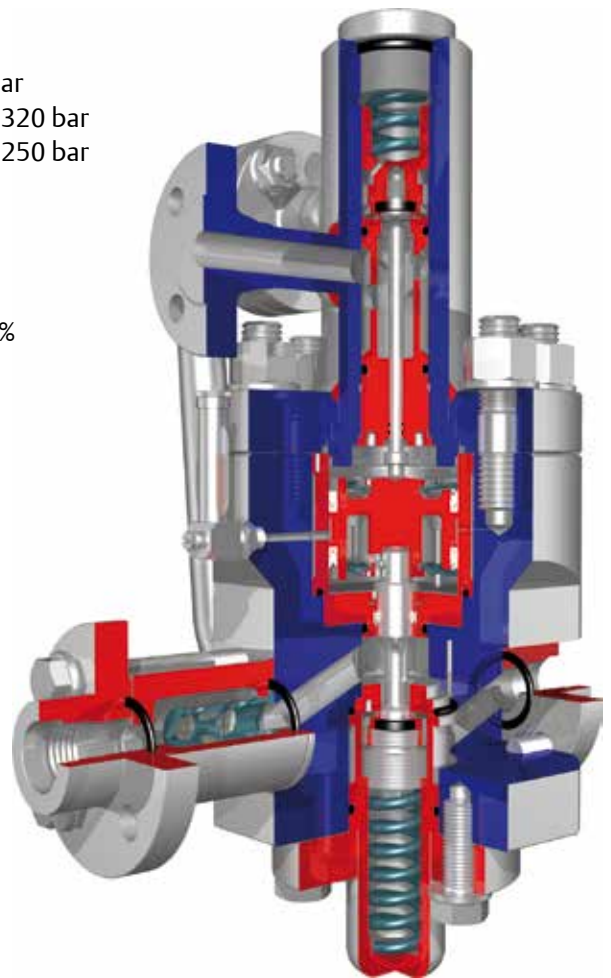
Threaded 1" NPT  
Flanged DN 20 PN 350

#### Temperature

Standard version : Working -10° to 60 °C  
Low temp. version : Working -20° to 60 °C

### Materials

Body and Covers	Steel
Seat	Stainless Steel
Pad	Nitrile NBR or Fluorocarbon FKM



## Calculation Procedures

### Symbols

Q = Natural gas flow rate in Stm<sup>3</sup>/h  
P1 = Absolute inlet pressure in bar  
P2 = Absolute outlet pressure in bar

$C_g$  = Flow rate coefficient = 130  
 $C_1$  = Body shape factor = 34  
d = Relative density of the gas

### Flow Rate Q

**Sub-critical state** with:  $P_2 > \frac{P_1}{2}$

$$Q = 0.525 \cdot C_g \cdot P_1 \cdot \text{sine} \left( \frac{3417}{C_1} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{P_1 - P_2}{P_1}} \right)^\circ$$

Note: The sine argument is expressed in sexagesimal degree

**Critical state** with:  $P_2 \leq \frac{P_1}{2}$

$$Q = 0.525 \cdot C_g \cdot P_1$$

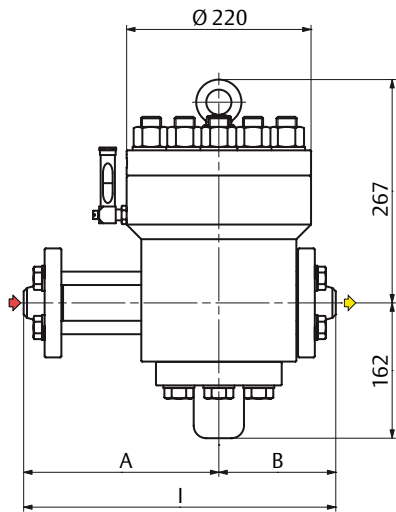
Verify that the velocity of the gas at the downstream pipeline of the regulator does not exceed 25 m/s using the following formula:

$$V = 345.92 \cdot \frac{Q}{DN^2} \cdot \frac{1 - 0.002 \cdot Pd}{1 + Pd}$$

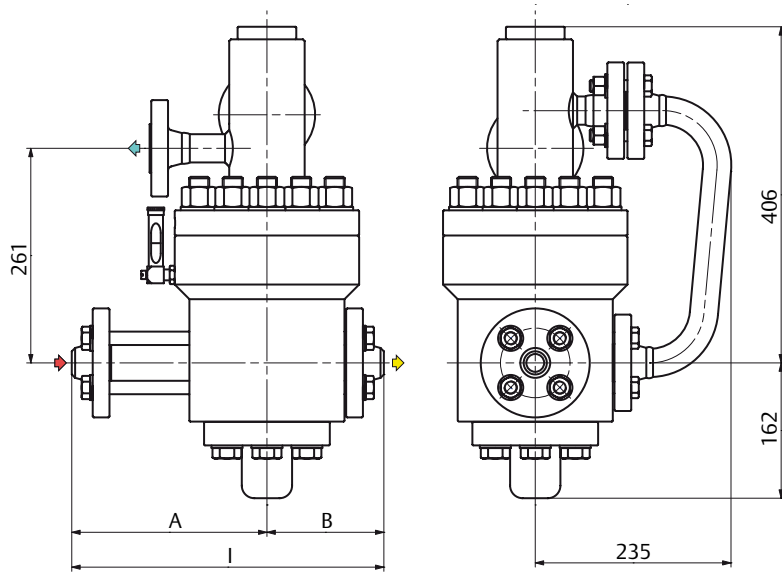
V = Velocity in m/s  
345.92 = Numerical constant  
Q = Flow rate under standard conditions in Stm<sup>3</sup>/h  
DN = Regulator nominal diameter in mm  
Pd = Outlet gauge pressure bar g

# Dimensions (mm) and Weights (kg)

Version Without Relief Valve



Version With Relief Valve



Version	Welding Flanges			Threaded Flanges			Weight With Relief Valve	Weight Without Relief Valve
	A	B	I	A	B	I		
With filter	232	140	372	239	147	386	100	85
Without filter	140	140	280	147	147	294		

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