Effective solutions for preventing control valve noise.

Noise-Attenuation Technologies for Control Valves
Your trusted source for proven noise-reduction solutions.
You need to decrease process variability while protecting equipment and the environment from excessive noise effects.

Valve and pipeline aerodynamic and liquid noise causes concern for plant operators and maintenance personnel because it can affect plant availability and profitability. High noise levels can induce safety concerns for plant personnel and can lead to equipment damage through vibration and process control issues. Populated areas are moving closer to processing plants and noise attenuation is crucial to avoid complaints and potential regulatory action.

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Instead of worrying about potential noise-related regulatory fines, what if you could focus your time on plant availability and profitability?
Emerson’s noise-attenuation technologies can effectively help mitigate noise issues.

You get a larger selection of solutions from Emerson because our engineers and specialists analyze the major sources of valve noise and have determined not only how to predict noise, but also how to minimize it. We utilize the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) 60534-8-3 standard for noise prediction and are actively involved in improving it. We leverage our flow labs and testing facilities to provide accurate noise predictions, validated through tests in compliance with the IEC standard.
Decrease equipment damage and maintain plant availability.

Minimize your risk for unplanned shutdowns due to assets damaged by the effects of valve noise. Aerodynamic and hydrodynamic noise can negatively impact your process and equipment.

Availability ➤ p5

Minimize fenceline noise and protect your personnel.

Avoid costly fines and safeguard your employees and neighbors with proper noise-abatement technologies.

Protect ➤ p7

Rely on trusted support throughout your plant’s lifecycle.

“I called Emerson personnel on a Saturday, and they not only called me back, but also provided exceptional technical support—regarding a competitor’s valve application.”

– Instrument Technician Leader, Electric Power Company

Support ➤ p9

Your complete solution portfolio.

The source of process noise can be difficult to assess. Emerson studies process noise and tests solutions utilizing our state-of-the-art flow lab. We’re able to provide a complete portfolio of products to assist you with the right solution for your plant.

Portfolio ➤ p11
Maintain plant AVAILABILITY by effectively controlling unwanted noise.

Noise can cause vibration in valves, piping, and other system elements. This vibration—caused by aerodynamic sound pressure, or cavitation—may eventually damage equipment and shorten operating life. When equipment deteriorates, your process isn’t controlled properly and this directly impacts your plant availability and output. With more accurate noise predictions and engineered solutions, unwanted noise can be minimized, and in some cases, completely eliminated.

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Protect your process from upsets and minimize early degradation of your equipment with Emerson solutions. Through years of testing and design, our products and expertise offer options to fit your specific goals.
Maintain plant efficiency without the disturbance of noise effects

More Accurate Predictions for flow conditions that will likely produce high noise levels are possible because Emerson has made mitigating valve noise a priority for over fifty years. These pioneering efforts have been followed by years of continuous research and development. Therefore, virtually all forms of excessive noise can be avoided at the initial design phase of a project with proper consideration of service conditions.

Reduce the risk of damaging equipment

Cavitation Prevention is possible as the liquid undergoes a portion of the total pressure drop in each stage. This prevents the liquid in any stage from falling to or below its vapor pressure, avoiding cavitation.

Long Trim Life is possible due to the hardened material that we specify as standard. We test our materials, utilizing a Tinius Olsen testing machine, to ensure exceptional wear resistance and have established these material standards globally.

Specially Designed Valves for your specific application prevents the threat of assembly and piping damage. A single product design is not sufficient for the wide variation of applications across numerous process industries, so Emerson uses multiple approaches and unique designs or configurations to address your application-specific needs.

Frequency Spectrum Shifting reduces strain and acoustic energy in piping by exploiting the natural damping of high frequency acoustic waves. Piping transmission loss is maximized to reduce radiated aerodynamic noise.
PROTECT your personnel and surrounding environment from excessive noise risks.

High pressure drops and high mass flows involving liquids, gases, vapors, or steam can lead to unwanted and dangerous noise levels. Allowing this noise to continue puts you at risk of fenceline noise regulation fines or potential employee hearing loss. You need trusted and tested products to avoid the harm caused by valve noise—mitigate your risk by choosing Emerson products.

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Emerson utilizes IEC 60534-8-3 for noise prediction and product testing and is actively involved in developing this noise standard. You can have confidence that our products will solve your noise issues.
Meet environmental process noise regulations

Proper Valve Sizing is critical for controlling valve noise. An inappropriately sized valve can introduce noise issues. We’ve standardized our valve sizing techniques and selection criteria to account for all factors that contribute to valve noise, so you can trust that our products will work in your plant, as advertised.

Exit Jet Independence is crucial for avoiding jet coalescence, which will lead to additional noise. All Emerson noise technologies are designed with this critical factor as standard.

Pressure Management utilizes the expanding area principle to allow for volumetric expansion of depressurizing gas and safe pressure reduction of potentially cavitation liquids.

Unique Flow Passage Shapes reduce turbulence to minimize shock-associated noise and place turbulent shear layers away from solid boundaries to reduce noise. The multi-stage pressure reduction, utilized with sound engineering principles, controls jet size, formation, interaction, and accommodates fluid expansion.

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Complete SUPPORT throughout the lifecycle of your plant.

Unplanned shutdowns due to noise challenges can cost you thousands—if not millions—in lost production and fines. Emerson’s local sales and support resources are able to consider both the flow requirements and the noise requirements for your particular application. They’re able to tailor alternative recommendations from our complete line of products and offer you the best engineered solution. Through extensive research and engineering, Emerson’s support and service team can get your plant back up and running and help you address your noise concerns.

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When you partner with Emerson, you’ll have support from technical experts who can properly identify your noise source and offer a plethora of noise-attenuation solutions to help keep your process running.
Worldwide Support Network of sales offices and service and support centers are available where and when you need them. With 24/7/365 after-hours service coverage and factory trained and certified technicians, Emerson is equipped to provide maintenance, reliability, and performance services to keep your plant up and running. [Contact us]

Shutdown, Turnaround, and Outage Planning performed by certified technicians help you optimize and extend your plant’s lifecycle. Plus, we’re available to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the course of an outage.

Original Equipment Manufacturer Parts help you maintain plant safety and integrity. Our genuine parts are commissioned and verified to give you the confidence that your repairs will last.

Valve Connected Services are a part of the Plantweb™ digital ecosystem and provide the ability to gather and aggregate diagnostic data across a single site and multiple sites across the globe. Emerson’s certified analysts will interpret positioner data to look for patterns of systemic degradation and provide recommended actions to minimize downtime.

The right training, where and when you need it

Flexible Courses are offered through our regional training centers, locally or at your facility, via the web utilizing eLearning, virtual classroom, traditional classroom, or through a blended learning method combining any or all of these options.

International Association for Continuing Education and Training Certification means our instructors comply with the standards of excellence for instructional practices and Emerson is an authorized and accredited provider.

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A complete noise solution portfolio from Emerson.

Fisher™ Silencers

**WhisperTube Modal Attenuator**

- Offers full bore aerodynamic noise reduction for all sources upstream, with no impact on process flow
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<td>• Places backpressure on the valve, thereby reducing the turbulence and pressure drop across the valve</td>
<td>• Used in conjunction with a Whisper Trim™ cage, divides the overall pressure drop into two stages</td>
<td>• Divides the total pressure drop with the valve, quieting both the valve and the vent</td>
<td>• Installed downstream of the valve and places backpressure on the valve to reduce damaging noise and vibration</td>
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<td>• Designed with small vertical slots around the circumference of the cage to reduce turbulence within the flow passages</td>
<td>• Multiple passages break up the large turbulent stream into many small, independent jets to quiet noise</td>
<td>• Multi-path, multi-stage trim that delivers predicted noise levels consistently</td>
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<td>• An integral drilled-hole attenuator controls noise and vibration from high-pressure drop liquids and gases</td>
<td>• For severe service liquid applications, reduce noise and cavitation effects that cause pipeline vibration</td>
<td>• Features an attenuator welded on the back of the V-notch ball, which separates the flow into multiple smaller jets</td>
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<td>• Cage, plug, and seat ring are designed and manufactured as a unit, offering cavitation control for high pressure drops at very low flow rates</td>
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<td>• Engineered flow passages provide sustained operation through pressure staging while maintaining flow efficiency</td>
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<td>• Utilizes a cavitation-control mechanism consisting of special flow paths to prevent impingement on critical trim components</td>
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<td>• Is self-cleaning with an expanded outlet that has carefully designed flow paths to control impingement</td>
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<td><strong>NotchFlo™ DST Control Valve</strong></td>
<td>• Uses a series of large area flow restrictions and expansions to control the pressure drop of the fluid while allowing particulate to pass</td>
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<td>• Combined axial and radial flow paths feature large openings allowing particulate to pass through the valve, minimizing plugging and erosion</td>
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<td><strong>CAV4 Control Valve with Cavitrol™ IV Trim</strong></td>
<td>• Each stage has a successively larger flow area, which allows for the pressure drop to be taken in the initial stages and limits cavity formation</td>
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