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Actuator Operating Media Specification

For use with natural gas

Description

The standard Bettis RPE-Series actuator can be operated with natural gas. The natural gas should be qualified as "Sweet" and "Dry" (a.k.a. "Pipeline quality").

"Sweet" natural gas:

- Contains < 2 volume % of CO2
- Contains < 1 volume % of H2S

If the natural gas contains more than 2 volume % of CO2 and more than 1 volume % of H2S it is regarded as Sour Natural Gas and is not suitable as operating medium for the standard RPE-Series actuator.

"Dry" natural gas:

The natural gas should be as dry as possible . The recommended pressure dew point of the natural gas should be at least 10°C less than the lowest ambient temperature expected.

NOTE:

- 1. Care should be taken that fittings, tubing and controlling valves are also compatible to the media.
- 2. Natural gas is according Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) 2014/68/EU rated as a Group 1 gas (flammable, explosive or poisonous gasses). A limited range of the standard Bettis RPE Series actuator sizes are suitable for PED Group 1 gasses. For use in the European Union special product labeling is required and available.

Bettis RPE-Series

The standard aluminium actuator, is utilizing materials which overcome the problems associated with the use of natural (sweet) gas as an operating media, these are:

- 1. Sulfide stress cracking of metallic parts
- 2. The chemical attack by hydrogen sulfide and organic sulphur compounds.
- 3. No brass or bronze components.

Warning:

- Natural gas is a flammable, explosive and poisonous gas.
- Take appropriate measures to prevent ignition and poisoning during installation, commissioning and operation, according local or national law.



General specifications:

Pressure: 8.3 bar max. (120 psi)
Torque: Standard, see data sheet(s)

Double acting:

Spring return: Nm: BEM.03.01.EN

Lbf.in: BEI.03.01.EN Nm: BEG.03.02.EN

Lbf.in: BEG.03.02.EN

Dimensions: See data sheets:

Imperial ISO5211 BEI.04.01.EN
Metric ISO5211 BEM .04.01.EN
Metric DIN3337 BED.04.01.EN

Operating Media: "Sweet" and "Dry" natural gas

(a.k.a. "Pipeline quality")

Dew Point: At least 10°C less than the lowest ambient

temperature expected.

Coating : Polyurethane powder coating for exterior

use.

Salt spray test: ASTM B117: 1500 hours Color: Orange (RAL 2009)

Materials: Housing: Anodized aluminium alloy

Endcaps: Anodized aluminium alloy
Pistons: Chromated aluminium alloy
Pinion: High grade aluminium alloy, hard

anodized.

Fasteners: Stainless steel or alloy steel with Deltatone®

treatment

Type Sticker: Polyester