

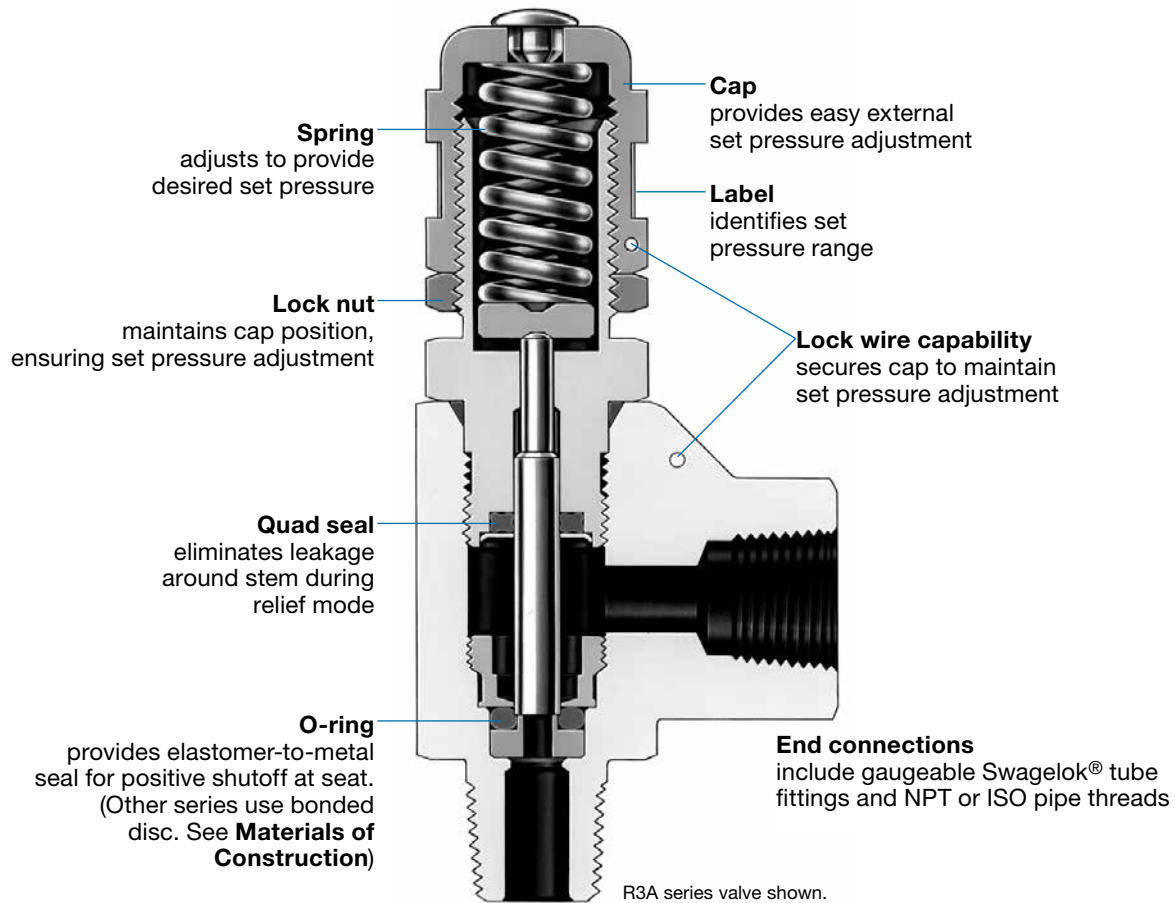
Proportional Relief Valves



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R Series

- Liquid or gas service
- Set pressures from 10 to 6000 psig (0.7 to 413 bar)
- 1/4 and 1/2 in. and 6 to 12 mm end connections



Features

High-Pressure Valves

- Service up to 6000 psig (413 bar)
- Multiple springs for a selection of set pressure ranges
- Valves available factory-set to a specified set pressure
- 1/4 in. and 6 and 8 mm end connections—R3A series
- 1/2 in. and 12 mm end connections—R4 series

Low-Pressure Valves

- Service up to 300 psig (20.6 bar)
- One spring for the full set pressure range
- Valves available factory-set to a specified set pressure
- 1/4 in. and 6 and 8 mm end connections—RL3 series
- 1/2 in. and 12 mm end connections—RL4 series

Applications

R series relief valves are proportional relief valves that open gradually as the pressure increases. Consequently, they do not have a capacity rating at a given pressure rise (accumulation), and they are not certified to ASME or any other codes.

- ⚠ **Some system applications require relief valves to meet specific safety codes. The system designer and user must determine when such codes apply and whether these relief valves conform to them.**
- ⚠ **Swagelok proportional relief valves should never be used as ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code safety relief devices.**
- ⚠ **Swagelok proportional relief valves are not “Safety Accessories” as defined in the Pressure Equipment Directive 2014/68/EU.**

Operation

R series relief valves OPEN when system pressure reaches the set pressure and CLOSE when system pressure falls below the set pressure.

- High-pressure R3A and R4 series—select and install the spring that covers the required set pressure; apply the matching label to the cap.
- Low-pressure RL3 and RL4 series—the spring is already installed.
- ⚠ **For valves not actuated for a period of time, initial relief pressure may be higher than the set pressure.**

Technical Data

Pressure-Temperature Ratings

| Series | R3A | | | | | R4 | | | | RL3 and RL4 | | | |
|---|---|------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| Inlet Working Pressure ^① | 6000 psig (413 bar); up to 8000 psig (551 bar) during relief | | | | | 6000 psig (413 bar) | | | | 300 psig (20.6 bar) | | | |
| Outlet Working Pressure ^① | 1500 psig (103 bar) | | | | | 2500 psig (172 bar) | | | | 225 psig (15.5 bar) | | | |
| Set Pressure | 50 to 6000 psig (3.4 to 413 bar) | | | | | 50 to 1500 psig (3.4 to 103 bar) | | | | 10 to 225 psig (0.7 to 15.5 bar) | | | |
| Seal Material | Fluoro-carbon FKM | Buna N | Neo-prene | Ethylene pro-pylene | Perfluoro-carbon FFKM | Fluoro-carbon FKM | Buna N | Neo-prene | Ethylene pro-pylene | Fluoro-carbon FKM | Buna N | Neo-prene | Ethylene pro-pylene |
| Temperature, °F (°C) | Maximum Set Pressure, psig (bar) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| -40 (-40) | 6000 (413) | 6000 (413) | 6000 (413) | 6000 (413) | 2500 (172) | 1500 (103) | 1500 (103) | 1500 (103) | 1500 (103) | 225 (15.5) | 225 (15.5) | 225 (15.5) | 225 (15.5) |
| -30 (-34) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| -10 (-23) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 (-17) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 (-12) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 (-4) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 (-1) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 40 (4) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 50 (10) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 70 (20) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 150 (65) | 5580 (384) | 5580 (384) | 5580 (384) | 5580 (384) | 3000 (207) | 1500 (103) | 1500 (103) | 1500 (103) | 1500 (103) | 225 (15.5) | 225 (15.5) | 225 (15.5) | 225 (15.5) |
| 200 (93) | 5160 (355) | 5160 (355) | 5160 (355) | 5160 (355) | 1500 (103) | 1500 (103) | 1500 (103) | 1500 (103) | 1500 (103) | 225 (15.5) | 225 (15.5) | 225 (15.5) | 225 (15.5) |
| 250 (121) | 4910 (338) | 4910 (338) | 4910 (338) | 4910 (338) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 275 (135) | — | — | 4660 (321) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 300 (148) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |

① Outlet pressure should not exceed inlet pressure.

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Set Pressure and Resealing Pressure

- Set pressure is the upstream pressure at which the first indication of flow occurs. Set pressure of each valve **after initial relief** is repeatable within
 - ± 3.0 psig (0.20 bar) or ± 5 % (whichever is greater) of the initial set pressure at 60 to 80°F (15 to 26°C)
 - ± 6.0 psig (0.40 bar) or ± 20 % (whichever is greater) of the initial set pressure below 60°F (15°C) and above 80°F (26°C).
- Resealing pressure is the upstream pressure at which there is no indication of flow. Resealing pressure is always lower than set pressure.

Testing

Every R series proportional relief valve is tested for set and resealing performance.

| Series | Test Set Pressure psig (bar) | Minimum Resealing Pressure as a Percentage of Set Pressure, % |
|----------|------------------------------|---|
| RL3, RL4 | 10 to 20 (0.7 to 1.3) | 50 |
| | 175 to 225 (12.0 to 15.5) | 91 |
| R3A, R4 | 100 to 200 (6.8 to 13.7) | 50 |
| | 850 to 1000 (58.5 to 68.9) | 84 |

Back Pressure

High-Pressure Valves (R3A and R4 Series)

The effect of system back pressure is minimized by the design of these high-pressure valves.

Low-Pressure Valves (RL3 and RL4 Series)

System back pressure increases the set pressure of the valve. To compensate, multiply the back pressure by 0.8 and subtract the result from the desired set pressure. Use the result to pre-set the valve while back pressure is equal to atmospheric pressure.

Example:

Desired set pressure is 120 psig. System back pressure is 40 psig.

Step 1. Multiply back pressure by 0.8.
40 psig × 0.8 = 32 psig.

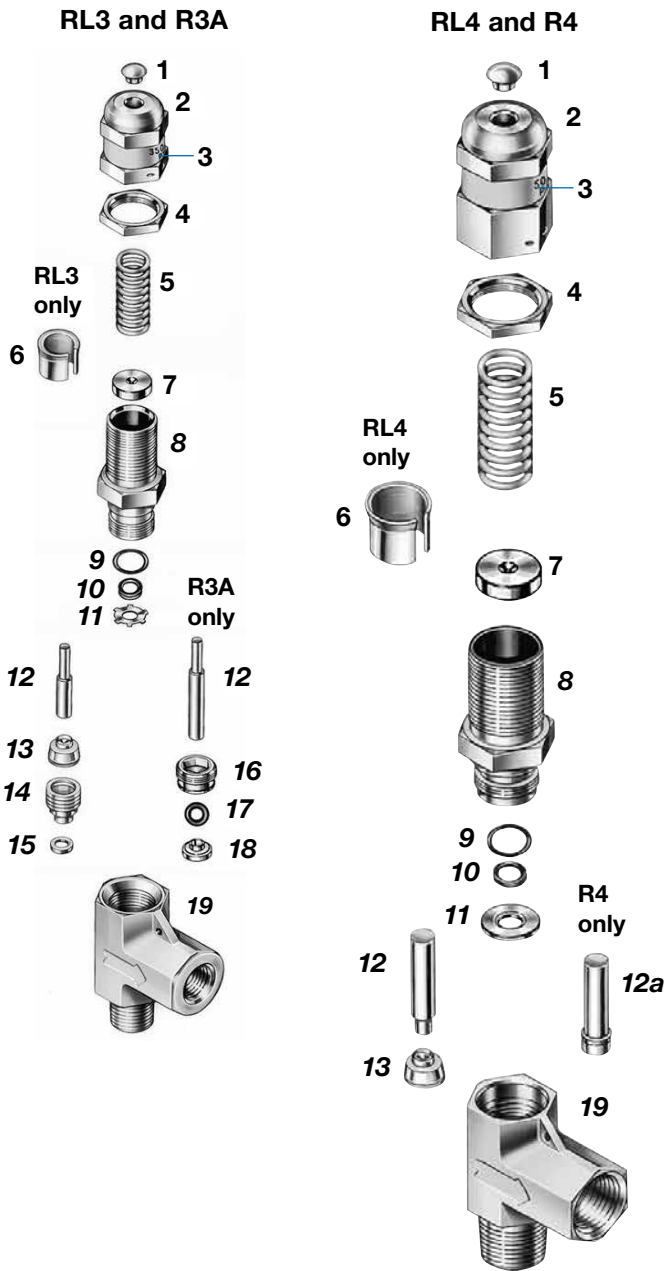
Step 2. Subtract result from desired set pressure.
120 psig – 32 psig = 88 psig.

Step 3. Pre-set proportional relief valve to 88 psig.

Cleaning and Packaging

All Swagelok R series relief valves are cleaned and packaged in accordance with Swagelok *Standard Cleaning and Packaging (SC-10)* (MS-06-62), page 1174 .

Materials of Construction

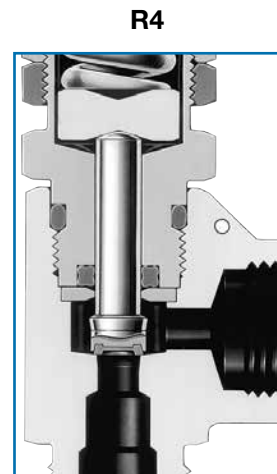
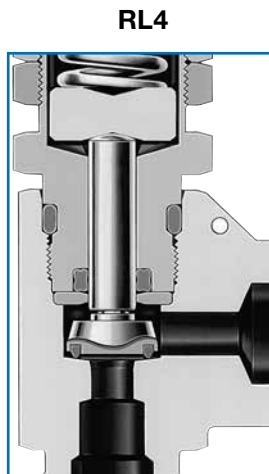
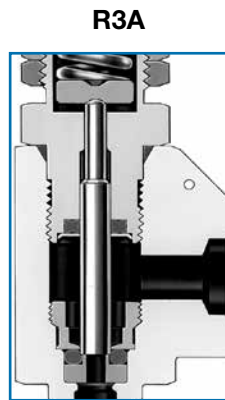
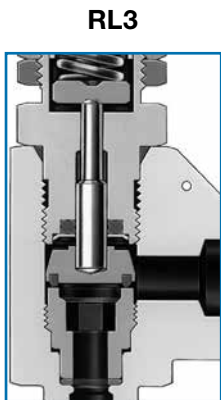


| Component | Material Grade/ASTM Specification |
|------------------|--|
| 1 Plug | 302 SS/ASTM 240 |
| 2 Cap | 316 SS/A479 |
| 3 Label | Polyester |
| 4 Lock nut | RL3, R3A—powdered metal 300 series SS/B783; RL4, R4—316 SS/A276 |
| 5 Spring | S17700 SS/AMS 5678 |
| 6 Sleeve | 304 SS/A240 |
| 7 Spring support | RL3, R3A—powdered metal 300 series SS/B783; RL4, R4—316 SS/A276 |
| 8 Bonnet | 316 SS/A479 |
| 9 O-ring | Fluorocarbon FKM |
| 10 Quad seal | PTFE-coated fluorocarbon FKM |
| 11 Retainer | RL3, R3A—316 SS/A666; RL4, R4—316 SS/A479 |
| 12 Stem | 316 SS/A479 |
| 12a Bonded stem | Fluorocarbon FKM-bonded ^① |
| 13 Bonded disc | 316 SS/A479 |
| 14 Seat | 316 SS/A479 |
| 15 Gasket | PTFE-coated 316 SS/A240 |
| 16 Seat retainer | 316 SS/A479 |
| 17 O-ring | Fluorocarbon FKM |
| 18 Insert | 316 SS/A479 |
| 19 Body | 316 SS/A182 |
| Lubricants | Molybdenum disulfide-based dry film and paste; silicone-based |

Wetted components listed in *italics*.

① Material Safety Data Sheet for bonding agents available on request.

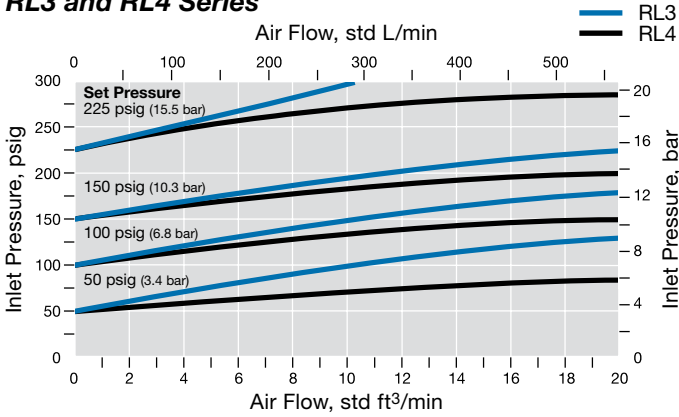
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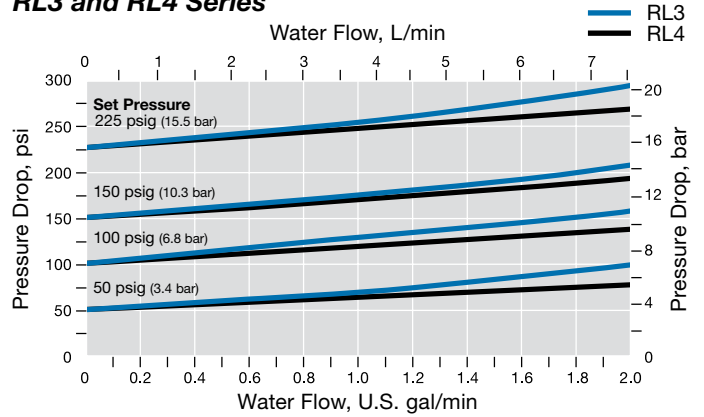
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RL3 and RL4 Series

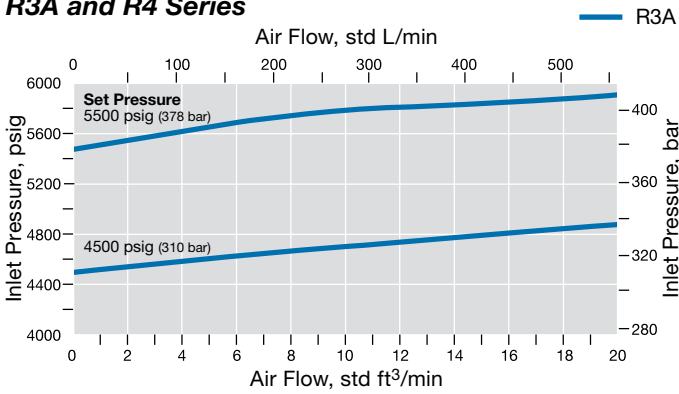


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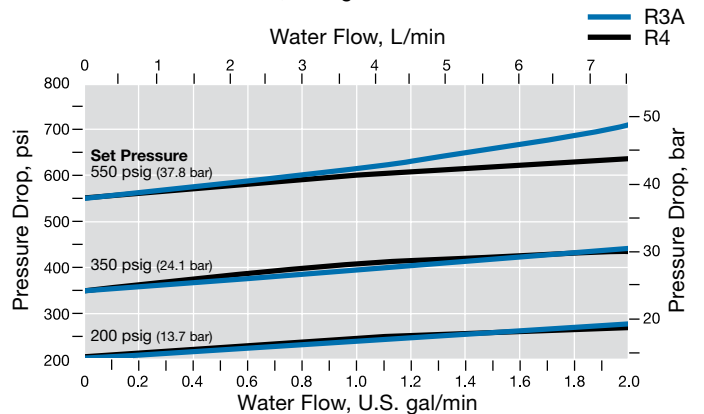
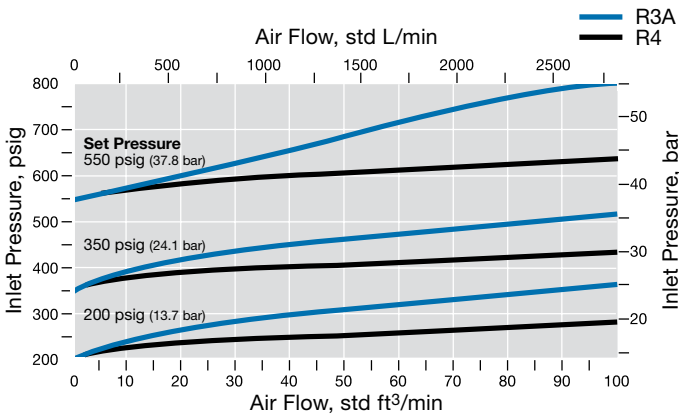
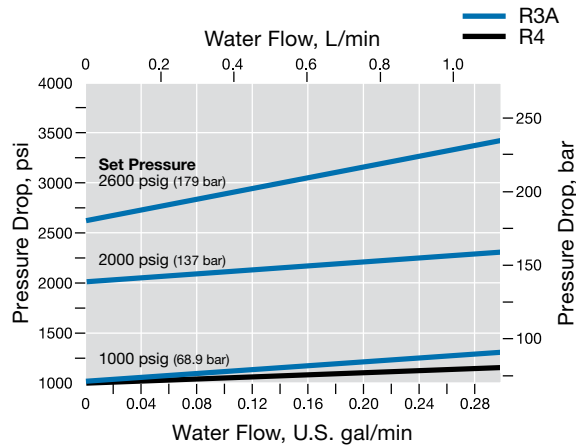
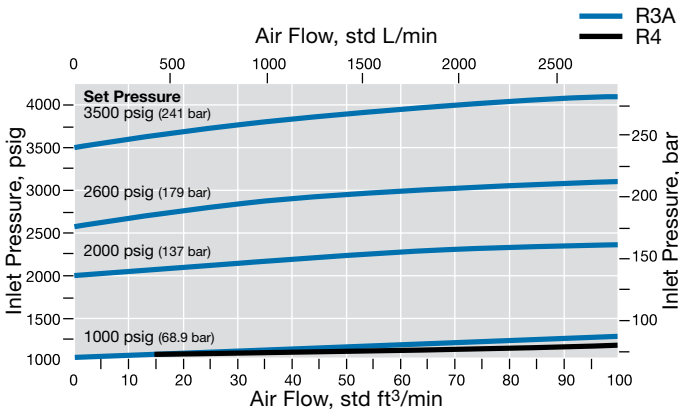
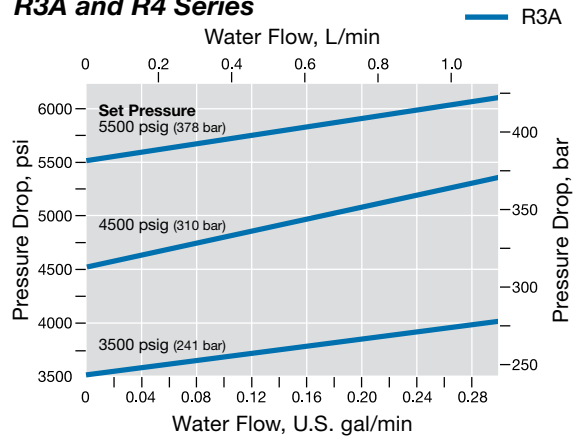
RL3 and RL4 Series



R3A and R4 Series



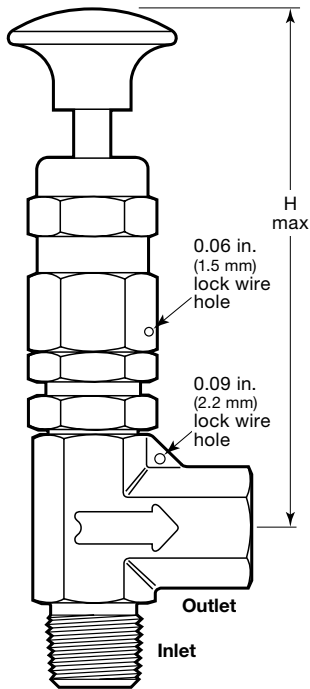
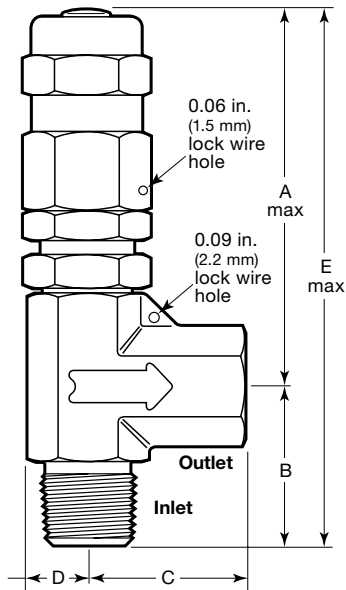
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Dimensions

Dimensions are for reference only and are subject to change.



Valve with Manual Override Handle

Low-Pressure Valves (RL3 and RL4 Series)

| End Connections | | Ordering Number | Dimensions, in. (mm) | | | | | |
|---|---------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Inlet/Outlet | Size | | A | B | C | D | E | H |
| RL3 series: 0.19 in. (4.8 mm) fully open orifice | | | | | | | | |
| Swagelok tube fittings | 1/4 in. | SS-RL3S4 | 2.70 (68.6) | 1.44 (36.6) | 1.60 (40.6) | 0.43 (10.9) | 3.89 (98.8) | 4.09 (104) |
| | 6 mm | SS-RL3S6MM | | | | | | |
| | 8 mm | SS-RL3S8MM | | | | | | |
| Male NPT/ Swagelok tube fitting | 1/4 in. | SS-RL3M4-S4 | 1.19 (30.2) | 1.60 (40.6) | 0.43 (10.9) | 3.89 (98.8) | 4.09 (104) | |
| Male NPT/ female NPT | 1/4 in. | SS-RL3M4-F4 | 1.19 (30.2) | 1.17 (29.7) | | 3.89 (98.8) | | |
| Male ISO/ female ISO ^① | 1/4 in. | SS-RL3M4F4-RT | 1.19 (30.2) | 1.17 (29.7) | | 3.89 (98.8) | | |
| RL4 series: 0.25 in. (6.4 mm) fully open orifice | | | | | | | | |
| Swagelok tube fittings | 1/2 in. | SS-RL4S8 | 4.09 (104) | 1.83 (46.5) | | 0.50 (12.7) | 5.52 (140) | 5.37 (136) |
| | 12 mm | SS-RL4S12MM | | | | | | |
| Male NPT/ Swagelok tube fitting | 1/2 in. | SS-RL4M8S8 | 1.43 (36.3) | 1.83 (46.5) | 0.50 (12.7) | 5.52 (140) | 5.37 (136) | |
| Male NPT/ female NPT | 1/2 in. | SS-RL4M8F8 | 1.43 (36.3) | 1.43 (36.3) | | 5.52 (140) | | |

High-Pressure Valves (R3A and R4 Series)

| End Connections | | Ordering Number | Dimensions, in. (mm) | | | | | |
|---|---------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Inlet/Outlet | Size | | A | B | C | D | E | H |
| R3A series: 0.14 in. (3.6 mm) fully open orifice | | | | | | | | |
| Swagelok tube fittings | 1/4 in. | SS-4R3A | 2.70 (68.6) | 1.44 (36.6) | 1.60 (40.6) | 0.43 (10.9) | 3.89 (98.8) | 4.09 (104) |
| | 6 mm | SS-6R3A-MM | | | | | | |
| | 8 mm | SS-8R3A-MM | | | | | | |
| Male NPT/ Swagelok tube fitting | 1/4 in. | SS-4R3A1 | 1.19 (30.2) | 1.60 (40.6) | 0.43 (10.9) | 3.89 (98.8) | 4.09 (104) | |
| Male NPT/ female NPT | 1/4 in. | SS-4R3A5 | 1.19 (30.2) | 1.17 (29.7) | | 3.89 (98.8) | | |
| Male ISO/ female ISO ^① | 1/4 in. | SS-4R3A5-RT | 1.19 (30.2) | 1.17 (29.7) | | 3.89 (98.8) | | |
| R4 series: 0.25 in. (6.4 mm) fully open orifice | | | | | | | | |
| Swagelok tube fittings | 1/2 in. | SS-R4S8 | 4.09 (104) | 1.83 (46.5) | | 0.50 (12.7) | 5.52 (140) | 5.37 (136) |
| | 12 mm | SS-R4S12MM | | | | | | |
| Male NPT/ Swagelok tube fitting | 1/2 in. | SS-R4M8S8 | 1.43 (36.3) | 1.83 (46.5) | 0.50 (12.7) | 5.52 (140) | 5.37 (136) | |
| Male NPT/ female NPT | 1/2 in. | SS-R4M8F8 | 1.43 (36.3) | 1.43 (36.3) | | 5.52 (140) | | |

Dimensions shown with Swagelok tube fitting nuts finger-tight.

① See specifications ISO 7/1, BS EN 10226-1, DIN-2999, and JIS B0203.

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Ordering Information

Low-Pressure Valves (RL3 and RL4 Series)

Valve contains spring; set pressure must be adjusted. Select a valve ordering number.

Factory-Set Valves

RL3 and RL4 series valves are available with springs factory-set to a specified set pressure. Valves are set, tested, locked, and tagged with the set pressure; certificates of test are included.

To order, add **-SET** to the valve ordering number and specify the desired set pressure.

Example: SS-RL3S4-**SET**

Replacement Spring Kits

Spring kits include spring and installation instructions. Select a spring kit ordering number.

| Series | Spring Kit Ordering Number | Set Pressure Range psig (bar) |
|--------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| RL3 | 177-13K-RL3 | 10 to 225 (0.7 to 15.5) |
| RL4 | 177-13K-RL4 | |

High-Pressure Valves (R3A and R4 Series)

Valve does not contain spring. Select a valve ordering number and a spring kit ordering number.

Spring Kits

Spring kits include spring, label, 302 SS lock wire with seal, spring support, and installation instructions.

Select a spring kit basic ordering number and add the spring designator for the desired set pressure range.

Examples: **177-R3A-K1-F**
177-13K-R4-C

| Set Pressure Range psig (bar) | Spring Designator | Spring Color |
|---|-------------------|--------------|
| R3A series spring kit: basic ordering number 177-R3A-K1- | | |
| 50 to 350 (3.4 to 24.1) | A | Blue |
| 350 to 750 (24.1 to 51.7) | B | Yellow |
| 750 to 1500 (51.7 to 103) | C | Purple |
| 1500 to 2250 (103 to 155) | D | Orange |
| 2250 to 3000 (155 to 206) | E | Brown |
| 3000 to 4000 (206 to 275) | F | White |
| 4000 to 5000 (275 to 344) | G | Red |
| 5000 to 6000 (344 to 413) | H | Green |
| R4 series spring kit: basic ordering number 177-13K-R4- | | |
| 50 to 350 (3.4 to 24.1) | A | Blue |
| 350 to 750 (24.1 to 51.7) | B | Yellow |
| 750 to 1500 (51.7 to 103) | C | Purple |

Factory-Set Valves

R3A and R4 series valves are available with springs factory-set to a specified set pressure. Valves are set, tested, locked, and tagged with the set pressure; certificates of test are included.

To order, add **-SET** and a spring designator whose range includes the desired set pressure to the valve ordering number; specify the desired set pressure.

Example: SS-4R3A-**SETB**

Options and Accessories

Seal Materials

Fluorocarbon FKM is the standard seal material. Buna N, ethylene propylene, and neoprene and perfluorocarbon FFKM are available. Quad seal elastomers are PTFE-coated.

To order a *valve* with an optional seal material, add a valve seal material designator to the valve ordering number.

Examples: SS-4R3A-**BU**
SS-RL3S4-**BU**

To order a *replacement seal kit*, insert a seal kit material designator as a prefix (R3A series) or suffix (all others) to the seal kit basic ordering number.

Examples: **BU-R3A-K2**
SS-3K-RL3-**BN**

| Seal Material | Designator | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| | Valves | Seal Kits |
| Buna N | -BU | BN ^① |
| Ethylene propylene | -EP | EP |
| Neoprene | -NE | NE |
| Perfluorocarbon FFKM ^② | -KZ | KZ |
| Fluorocarbon FKM | — | VI |

^① Use **BU** for R3A series seal kits.

^② Only available for R3A series.

| RL3 Series | R3A Series | RL4 Series | R4 Series |
|--|--|--|--|
| Seal kit basic ordering number | | | |
| SS-3K-RL3- | -R3A-K2 | SS-3K-RL4- | SS-3K-R4- |
| Seal kit contents | | | |
| O-ring, quad seal, bonded disc, retainer, instructions | O-rings (2), quad seal, retainer, instructions | O-ring, quad seal, bonded disc, retainer, instructions | O-ring, quad seal, bonded stem, instructions |

Special Cleaning and Packaging (SC-11)

To order R series relief valves processed in accordance with Swagelok *Special Cleaning and Packaging (SC-11)* (MS-06-63), page 1175 to ensure compliance with product cleanliness requirements stated in ASTM G93 Level C, add **-SC11** to the valve ordering number.

Example: SS-RL3S4-**SC11**

Oxygen Service Hazards

For more information about hazards and risks of oxygen-enriched systems, see the Swagelok *Oxygen System Safety* technical report (MS-06-13), page 1184.

Options and Accessories

Manual Override Handles

A manual override handle opens the valve without changing the set pressure.

For use with:

- RL3 and RL4 series—standard spring
- R3A series—A, B, and C springs only
- R4 series—A spring only.

Handle diameter is 1.50 in. (38.1 mm). Maximum overall height of valve with handle in closed position:

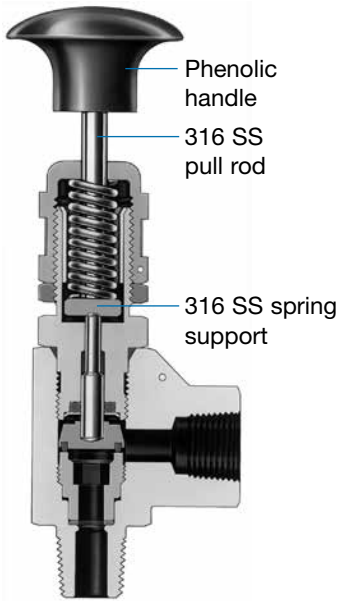
- 5.16 in. (131 mm) for R3A and RL3 series
- 6.78 in. (172 mm) for R4 and RL4 series.

To order, add **-MO** to the valve ordering number.

Example: SS-RL3S4-**MO**

Manual Override Handle Kits

Kits contain handle, pull rod, spring support, and instructions. To order, select the desired kit ordering number.



| Series | Manual Override Kit Ordering Number |
|----------|-------------------------------------|
| RL3, R3A | SS-R3A-K5 |
| RL4, R4 | SS-R4-K5 |

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Swagelok PRV series proportional safety relief valves are certified to PED 2014/68/EU. For more information, see the Swagelok *Proportional Safety Relief Valves* catalog, MS-02-432.



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