

**Operating and Maintenance Instructions for
Automatic Air and Vacuum Valve for Potable Water and Waste Water
Model 986 (from year of manufacture 04/2007)**



1. Intended use

The H-TEC automatic air and vacuum valve, Model 986, is used for aerating and de-aerating of pressure pipe line systems for a pressure range between 0 – 250 psi (17.2 bar), as well as in vacuum systems. The Medium: potable water, domestic waste water (industrial or domestic waste water with a high content of acid or alkali only on consultation).

Please note this product must be maintained at least once per year, and even more frequently in case of waste water pressure lines with a high degree of contamination or a tendency to saponification. Observe also the applicable standards and general regulations for the prevention of accidents.

Air and vacuum valves contain compressed air. Therefore, isolate the air and vacuum valve from the operating system. Before starting any maintenance work the valve must be depressurized via the ball valve!

2. Product description

The H-TEC automatic air and vacuum valve is an two-way air valve, both aerating and removing air enclosed in pipelines. The valve operates automatically and is designed to reduce water hammers. The seat of this air valve is not in contact with the medium. The air and vacuum valve is rated for a maximum operating pressure 250 psi (17.2 bar).

3. Installation

The air and vacuum valve, Model 986, must be installed on a vertical outlet on top of the pressure pipeline. Installation should be as close to the pipeline as possible to reduce the danger of freezing. Note: The lateral arrangement of air valves may considerably influence the control behaviour of the valve. Moreover, in case of heavy contamination there may be problems in the pipeline area upstream of the air valve. A laterally displaced arrangement of air valves shall be avoided.

In case of large pipeline dimensions care should be taken that the air is actually carried to the air valve. Therefore it is recommended to choose the connection to the pipeline as large as possible and to subsequently provide for reduction to the valve and its nominal width by means of a double flanged taper simultaneously acting as an air dome holding a larger amount of air (example: pipeline 8", outlet at the pipeline 6", double flanged taper reducing to 3", air valve 3")

There should always be a shut-off facility below the air and vacuum valve to allow maintenance work. This automatic valve is intended for installation in shafts. Please, observe the applicable standards and guidelines for this shaft, especially the regulations for the prevention of accidents in case of access to the shaft.

At the air relief outlet of the H-TEC air and vacuum valve a pipe can be connected. Note that the connection of a vent line may possibly influence the control behaviour of the air valve. The same applies to any odour filters that may be installed additionally. In this case it is important to use sufficiently large components to avoid backwater in the valve.

4. Start-up and pressure testing

During pressure testing of new pipeline systems air valves should be generally put out of service. To this end the shut-off facility below the valve shall be closed. There is always some residual air enclosed even in a properly vented pipeline. If the air valve is placed correctly, this residual air is carried to the valve possibly causing it to blow off during pressure testing. As a consequence the pipeline system is wrongly assumed to be leaking.

Air valves are tested by the manufacturer so that they need not be included in the pressure testing. After completion of pressure testing of the pipeline the shut-off facility is opened slowly and the air valve and its flange connections are visually inspected under operating pressure.

For filling the pipelines please make sure not to exceed the maximum filling rates. Before filling the pipelines it should be checked if the vent holes of the air shafts concerned are actually free. If necessary, the covers should be opened.

Note: Before scavenging a pipe line section with compressed air the valve should be put out of service.

5. Service – maintenance of automatic air and vacuum valve, Model 986

The reliability of the H-TEC automatic air and vacuum valve can be considerably increased by checking it for possible contamination at regular intervals. Make sure to isolate the air valve from the pipeline system before starting any maintenance work by closing the shut-off valve and to reduce any overpressure possibly existing in the air valve via the ball valve of the flushing line.

Due to its coating the H-TEC automatic air and vacuum valve is well protected against deposits. Nevertheless, depending on the properties of the medium, the operability of the valve should be checked at regular intervals and possible contamination should be removed, especially in case of larger bodies of dirt that cannot be flushed out via the lateral flushing connections.

All work at H-TEC automatic air and vacuum valves should be performed by trained personnel only!

We recommend the first maintenance to be done after a period of approx. 4 – 8 weeks and to define further maintenance intervals on the basis of the result of this first maintenance. To this end open the valve according to the below description.

In the course of maintenance, check also the ball valve and all other components for leakage and contamination.

Procedure

1. Open body screws.
2. Pull the flange together with the complete valve mechanism upward and out and put it upright on a solid base.
3. Open the retaining ring on the flange top side by means of an appropriate tool and pull the flange upward and off.



4. Remove cap nut SW 13 at the air exit by means of socket spanner (valve must be in „closed position“).



5. Release the mesh disk by pressing in the two retaining clasps, loosen it from the head of the air valve by turning it left and pull the head upward and off.



6. Clean the slots of the valve cage and rinse them.
7. Turn the cup seal at the screw inside out of the valve case and check it for deposits and mechanical damage. Wipe deposits off by means of a damp rag. If the cup seal must be exchanged, then the plastic retaining ring must be taken out first. For easier dismantling of the plastic ring put the whole mechanism for 3 minutes headfirst into hot water of about 122° Fahrenheit / 50°Celsius. Then pull the ring upward and off, remove the cup seal and insert the plastic screw from the old cup seal into the new one.

8. Turn the cup seal over completely.



9. Pull the cup seal over the cup.



10. Push on the preheated ring (3 minutes hot Water of approx. 122° Fahrenheit / 50°Celsius).



11. Centre the cup seal by pulling it back to the moulded bead and slip it into the valve case.



12. Further installation is performed in reverse order to dismantling.
13. Leakage test!