# Fuel Gas Pressure Control Solutions for Fired Heaters and Boilers



Solutions for safer and more reliable operation of fired heater fuel gas systems.





# **Fuel Gas Systems**

Fired heaters and boilers are essential components of most refineries, chemical plants and power generation facilities. Whether helping to power a steam turbine generator or the direct heating of hydrocarbons to make gasoline, the fundamentals of fuel gas pressure control are relatively standard across a wide range of fired heater applications.

# **Power Generation**





# **Fuel Gas Pressure Control Challenges**

- Inadequate speed of response of pressure control devices causing unplanned shutdowns
- Poor fuel gas quality or lack of routine maintenance leading to equipment failures
- Poor pressure control caused by improper equipment selection

#### **Fuel Gas Source**

Although natural gas is the fuel most commonly used in a fired heater, many refineries and chemical plants mix process waste gases into their fuel systems. These process gases may contain heavy hydrocarbons that can cause build-up in the fuel gas lines. For sites that use waste gas, a higher rate of residue build-up is typical and must be accounted for in the pressure regulator selection and configuration.

#### **Fuel Gas Header Pressure Control**

Because a fuel gas header can supply fuel to one or multiple fired heaters, reliability, speed of response, maintainability and noise limits are important design considerations when selecting a pressure control device.



**Real World Solutions.** Emerson develops fuel gas pressure control solutions by first understanding the real-world requirements and challenges.





# **Fuel Gas Solutions**

## **Minimum Fire Pressure Control**

Complicated burner managements systems can hinder your ability to start a heater safely and quickly. An API 556-recommended minimum fire pressure regulator is essential when the fuel gas control valve lacks sufficient turndown to light the first burner.

This regulator not only helps minimize the complexity of the burner management system, but also reduces operator interaction during start-up. Simply set the regulator to the required setpoint during commissioning and it can remain untouched through multiple start-ups.



**Exceeding Standards.** Emerson regulators are designed to both meet and exceed applicable standards, helping keep your process compliant and safe.



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#### **Monitor Setup**

A monitor setup provides predictable control for certain pressure regulator failure modes without sacrificing pressure control performance. Commonly used in natural gas distribution by gas utilities, a monitor setup uses regulators in series to provide a layer of redundancy in the event the primary pressure regulator ceases to control downstream pressure. Monitor setups are recommended for use in fuel gas header and burner gas pressure control applications.





# Reliable Customized Systems.

For more than 80 years, Emerson has worked with customers to design monitor systems that provide a reliable pressure control solution. In addition to keeping your process online, monitor systems are easier to maintain and operate than other failure protection methods.





# **Optional Features**



### **Wireless Position Indication**

End users are often hesitant to use a pressure regulator, viewing it as a closed system that makes it difficult to determine if a regulator is working properly. Wireless position indicators can be used to detect and troubleshoot regulator problems on your existing control system before they impact your operation. They can be mounted on a variety of regulators to indicate real-time regulator performance, long-term degradation or a step change in process conditions.



#### **Slam Shut**

The Emerson slam-shut valve is a mechanical device that will "slam shut" when it senses a high- or low-pressure event. With Class VI shutoff capability, the slam shut valve can be used to increase the safety of your fired heater shutdown system.

A slam shut valve can be installed independently or attached to an existing pressure regulator valve body to save space and reduce piping modifications. A solenoid valve can also be added to connect the slam shut to an existing safety system.



#### **Noise Reduction**

High-pressure drops increase the possibility of high noise – a big concern for fuel gas heater pressure control when downstream demand can fluctuate. Noise attenuation options can reduce noise by up to 10 to 20 dB depending on the application.

## Innovative Technologies.

Emerson offers innovative solutions like remote monitoring options and emergency shutdown capability that can help minimize downtime and improve plant safety.



Over 50% of unplanned shutdowns are related to human factors. Minimize unscheduled down time by increasing your knowledge. Rely on Emerson for expert assistance and training.

# **Unparalleled Support**

## Expert help when you need it the most.

Emerson state-of-the art flow and materials labs provide an extensive worldwide network of engineers, application experts and sales professionals to help you size, select and troubleshoot your pressure regulators. Emerson test and evaluation teams provide flow, material and environmental testing under real-world operating conditions before you place them in your application.

## Training to help you effectively maintain your systems.

No other regulator manufacturer in the world offers more products and local services dedicated to safe, effective applications than Emerson. We strive to be the leader in training pressure control personnel.

Emerson offers a wide array of onsite and offsite training for all levels of your organization. Together with our local business partners we work with you to develop training that fits the needs of your team, whether it is application training for engineers, operational training for operators or maintenance training for technicians. With our courses, your personnel can learn to:

- Perform maintenance on regulators
- Troubleshoot field problems
- Understand the influence of the service environment on regulator performance
- Properly size regulators







### **Global Sales and Service.**

Emerson sales and service offices are located strategically around the globe in North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia Pacific and the Middle East and Africa. With more than 2000 technical experts in nearly 200 offices, application support is just a call or click away.



# Top-rated Products for Boilers, Burners and Fuel Gas Applications

### SELF-OPERATED REGULATORS

#### **Type 912N**



Body Size NPS 1/4 or 1/4 x 3/8 Max Inlet

250 psig / 17.2 bar Outlet Range

3 in. w.c. to 5 psig / 7 mbar to 0.35 bar

Max Flowrate 1030 SCFH / 27.6 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

#### Type Y600A



NPS 3/4 or 1 / DN 20 or 25 Max Inlet

**Body Size** 

150 psig / 10.3 bar Outlet Range 4 in. w.c. to 7 psig /

10 mbar to 0.48 bar

Max Flowrate 6660 SCFH / 178 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

#### **Type HSR**



**Body Size** NPS 3/4, 3/4 x 1 or 1 NPT / DN 20, 20 x 25 or 25

**Max Inlet** 125 psig / 8.6 bar

Outlet Range 4 in. w.c. to 2.2 psig / 10 mbar to 0.15 bar

Max Flowrate 4800 SCFH / 129 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

### CS200/CS400 Series



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Body Size NPS 3/4, 3/4 x 1, 3/4 x 1-1/4, 1, 1 x 1-1/4, 1-1/4, 1-1/2, 2 / DN 20, 20 x 25, 20 x 32, 25, 25 x 32, 32, 40, 50

**Max Inlet** 125 psig / 8.6 bar

Outlet Range 3.5 in. w.c. to 5.5 psig / 9 to 380 mbar

Max Flowrate 12,000 SCFH / 322 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h



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CS800 Series

**Body Size** NPS 1-1/4, 1-1/2 or 2 / DN 32, 40 or 50

> **Max Inlet** 125 psig / 8.6 bar

Outlet Range 3.5 in. w.c. to 10 psig

/ 9 to 690 mbar **Max Flowrate** 36,270 SCFH / 974 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

# Type 66



Body Size NPS 2, 3, 4 / DN 50, 80, 100

Max Inlet 10 psig / 0.69 bar

**Outlet Range** 4 in. w.c. to 5 psig / 10 mbar to 0.35 bar

Max Flowrate 77,500 SCFH / 2077 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

### **Speed of Response**

Speed of response is important in regulator selection for fuel gas services due to the fast load or demand changes typically required by fired heater applications. By design, fired heater start-ups and shutdowns can be abrupt. The regulator will need to sense this load change and respond quickly before the fuel gas pressure reaches the low or high safety trip point. Each of the regulator designs have different speed of response characteristics and the figure to the right provides some general guidance when it comes to pressure regulator selection.



#### 627 Series



**Body Size** NPS 3/4, 1, 2 / DN 20, 25,50

Max Inlet 2000 psig / 138 bar

**Outlet Range** 5 to 500 psig / 0.34 to 34.5 bar

Max Flowrate 179,000 SCFH / 4797 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

#### **133 Series**

**Body Size** NPS 2 / DN 50

Max Inlet 150 psig / 10.3 bar

**Outlet Range** 2 in. w.c. to 60 psig / 5 mbar to 4.1 bar

Max Flowrate 372,000 SCFH / 9960 Nm3/h



### **MR95** Series



**Body Size** NPS 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 1, 1-1/2, 2 / DN 15, 20, 25, 40, 50

Max Inlet 1000 psig / 68.9 bar

**Outlet Range** 2 to 400 psig / 0.14 to 27.6 bar

**Max Flowrate** 510,000 SCFH / 13,600 Nm3/h

**Body Size** 

Max Inlet

200 x 150, 300 x 150

400 psig / 27.6 bar

4 in. w.c. to 300 psig /

**Minimum Differential** 

1 to 28 psi / 0.07 to 1.9 bar

depending on construction

10 mbar to 20.7 bar

**Outlet Range** 

Requirement





**Body Size** NPS 3/4 or 1 / DN 20 or 25

Max Inlet 200 psig / 13.8 bar

**Outlet Range** 1 in. w.c. to 7 psig / 2 mbar to 0.48 bar

Max Flowrate 12,919 SCFH / 346 Nm3/h

# PRESSURE LOADED/PILOT-OPERATED REGULATORS

#### 1098 Series



# NPS 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 x 6, 12 x 6 / DN 25, 50, 80, 100, 150,

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## **Body Size**

NPS 2 / DN 50

Max Inlet 1000 psig / 69.0 bar

**Outlet Range** 2 in. w.c. to 100 psig / 5 mbar to 6.9 bar

Minimum Differential Requirement 0.75 to 10 psi / 0.05 to 0.7 bar depending on construction

Recommended Construction Fast Open or Fast Closing pilot option

### CP200/CP400 Series



Body Size 3/4, 3/4 x 1, 3/4 x 1-1/4, 1, 1 x 1-1/4, 1-1/4, 1-1/2, 2 / DN 20, 20 x 25, 20 x 32, 25, 25 x 32, 32, 40, 50

Max Inlet 125 psig / 8.6 bar

Outlet Range 1 to 20 psig / 0.07 to 1.4 bar

Max Flowrate 17,600 SCFH / 472 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h



Fast open or fast closing Type 61 pilot option/ quick-open cage/lightest possible main spring, dual pilot construction

FEATURES AVAILABLE: Travel Indicator

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# Top-rated Products for Boilers, Burners and Fuel Gas Applications

### PRESSURE LOADED/PILOT-OPERATED REGULATORS

#### 299H Series



NPS 1-1/4, 1-1/2, 2 / DN 32, 40, 50 Max Inlet 175 psig / 12.1 bar

**Body Size** 

Outlet Range 3.5 in. w.c. to 60 psig / 9 mbar to 4.1 bar

Minimum Differential Requirement 1.5 psi / 0.10 bar

**Recommended Construction** Dual registration using 3/4 in. piping

#### **EZL Series**





Body Size NPS 2, 3 and 4 / DN 50, 80 and 100

**Max Inlet** 290 psig / 20.0 bar

**Outlet Range** 7 in. w.c. to 300 psig / 17 mbar to 20.7 bar

Minimum Differential Requirement 2.9 to 0.39 psi / 0.20 to 0.03 bar depending on

construction

**Recommended Construction** Fast open or fast closing Type 61 pilot option

#### **EZH Series**



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Body Size NPS 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 12 x 6 / DN 25, 50, 80, 100, 150 200 and 300 x 150

**Max Inlet** 1500 psig / 103 bar

**Outlet Range** 14.5 to 1160 psig / 1 to 80 bar

#### Minimum Differential Requirement 12.8 to 16.4 psi / 0.88 to 1.13 bar depending on construction

**Recommended Construction** Type 32A or PRX / 131

#### **EZR Series**



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Body Size NPS 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 / DN 25, 50, 80, 100, 150 and 200

**Max Inlet** 1050 psig / 72.4 bar

Outlet Range 6 in. w.c. to 1000 psig / 15 mbar to 68.9 bar

Minimum Differential Requirement 12 to 43 psi / 0.8 to 3 bar

#### **Design** Unloading Style



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Body Size NPS 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 10 / DN 25, 50, 80, 100, 150, 200 and 250

**Max Inlet** 1480 psig / 102 bar

**Outlet Range** 14.5 to 1160 psig / 1 to 80 bar

Minimum Differential Requirement 7.3 to 14.5 psi / 0.5 to 1.0 bar depending on

construction
Recommended
Construction
Type 32A or PRX/131



**Type 310A** 

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# Body Size

NPS 1, 2, 3, 4, 4 x 6 / DN 25, 50, 80, 100, 100 x 150

**Max Inlet** 1480 psig / 102 bar

**Outlet Range** 10 to 750 psig / 0.69 to 51.7 bar

**Minimum Differential Requirement** 15 psi / 1.03 bar

**Recommended Construction** Turbine startup trim



FEATURES AVAILABLE: Travel Indicator

**FL Series** 

# **Installation Tips**

## **Internal Sensing Units**



Proper installation of a fuel gas application minimizes shutdowns and restarts and helps ensure safe equipment operation, with less burner and flame fluctuations.

#### **Vent Lines**

- 1. Best practices suggest that vent piping should be as large as the nominal size of the vent connection and increased one nominal pipe size for every 10 feet of linear pipe. (One elbow is equivalent to 3 feet of linear pipe.)
- 2. Verify the vent is oriented downward to protect it from the weather on applications without vent piping and ensure there is no moisture in the spring case.

# Improving Speed of Response for a Pilot-Operated Regulator

- 1. Speeding up closing
  - Increase size of pilot restrictor
  - Consider a pilot with a quick dump feature such as the 61 Series or Type 32A
- 2. Speeding up opening
  - Reduce size of pilot restriction
  - Increase differential pressure
  - Consider a faster pilot or larger pilot orifice size
  - Add an additional supply pilot which will quickly increase loading pressure



### **External Sensing Units**

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