



ELD / MDVG Diaphragm Valve User's Instructions [REV. 0.7]

NOTE:

These user's instructions apply to valve with pneumatic actuator configuration and metal head. For CAM actuated valve and polymer or ceramic head, please refer to the instruction sheets supplied with these valves.

Something applied to custom configuration.

This valve has been assembled and tested in a clean environment with high purity gases and instruments. Strict procedures are followed to make sure to deliver a product with the highest level of performance. Please follow carefully the installation and operation instructions. This will make sure you get the maximum performance out of your system. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Analytical Flow Products.



Please read and understand the instructions related to this product. These are the installation procedure and the AN-04 application notes.

Failure to do so may result in human injury, death and equipment damage.

*See disclaimer notice at the end of this paper.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

- A** Keep the valve in its original sealed box until you are ready to install it.
- B** Keep the relief pins installed until you are ready to operate the valve.
- C** When unpacking the valve, take all the necessary precautions to avoid the introduction of any particles in to any valve ports. Introduction of particles will ruin the valves performances and operation, and void the warranty.

NOTE:

Never install tubing that has been cut with any type of mechanical tube cutter; for example, electrical file or hand rotary tube cutter. Always use clean pre-cut tubes in critical part of your system.

- D** Use the supplied hardware to install and operate the valve. Do not use third party ferrules. This may affect the high level of sealing integrity of your system.
- E** Read and understand the valve specification sheet and adjust the valve operating parameters accordingly.
- F** If your valve has purging ports, make sure to never pressurize it. Keep the gas flowing into the valve purge at atmospheric pressure.
- G** Wear appropriate gloves to manipulate ferrules and tubing ends. Failure to do so will have a negative impact on some detector's response like FID, ECD and some mass spectrometers due to surface contamination. Use clean tools at all time.
- H** Make sure that particle size filter will be less or equal to 10 μm . Use an appropriate gas particle filter for actuation, sample and carrier.

NOTE:

You may also consider ordering your valve with frits pre-installed in valve's port, if your application can work with it. Frits act as particles filters.

Particles pollution, bad tubing cutting procedures and bad manipulation procedures are the major causes of valve failure.

NOTE:

Never readjust the belleville stack adjusting screw. This screw is located in the middle of the bottom cap. Turning this screw will necessitate valve retuning procedures.

Your valve is supplied with a universal mounting collar. This means that this collar could be installed using Valco® mounting holes footprint. This allows for a rapid and hassle-free system performance upgrade, the collar could also be installed with AFP® standard holes. This gives the flexibility to the users to install the collar by using top or bottom mounting method. All the required screws are supplied. See Figure 1 for thread sizes and mounting details.

When all tubing routing is done and tubing is properly purged to evacuate any contaminants, unpack the valve from its sealed packing. Insert the base of the valve into the mounting collar and tighten the collar side screw to hold the valve assembly in place. Do not over-tighten; just try to rotate the valve in the mounting collar with your hand while tightening the collar side screw. Stop tightening when the valve is firmly positioned in the collar.

NOTE:

If your production procedure does not permit you to wait until clean and particle free gas is ready to flow into the valve before you install it, unpack and install the valve with valve ports closed with appropriate AFP plugs. Keep particles out of the system at all time. Do not use tape to seal the valve's ports. Glue or a piece of tape may contaminate the valve.

NOTE:

If your valve was purchased with the pre-conditioning option, don't remove the plugs from the valve until you are ready to use it. This option allows a fast start-up of the system to be used with high sensitivity helium ionization detectors, reducing the required traditional purge time. It saves time and money, in production line assembly and testing.

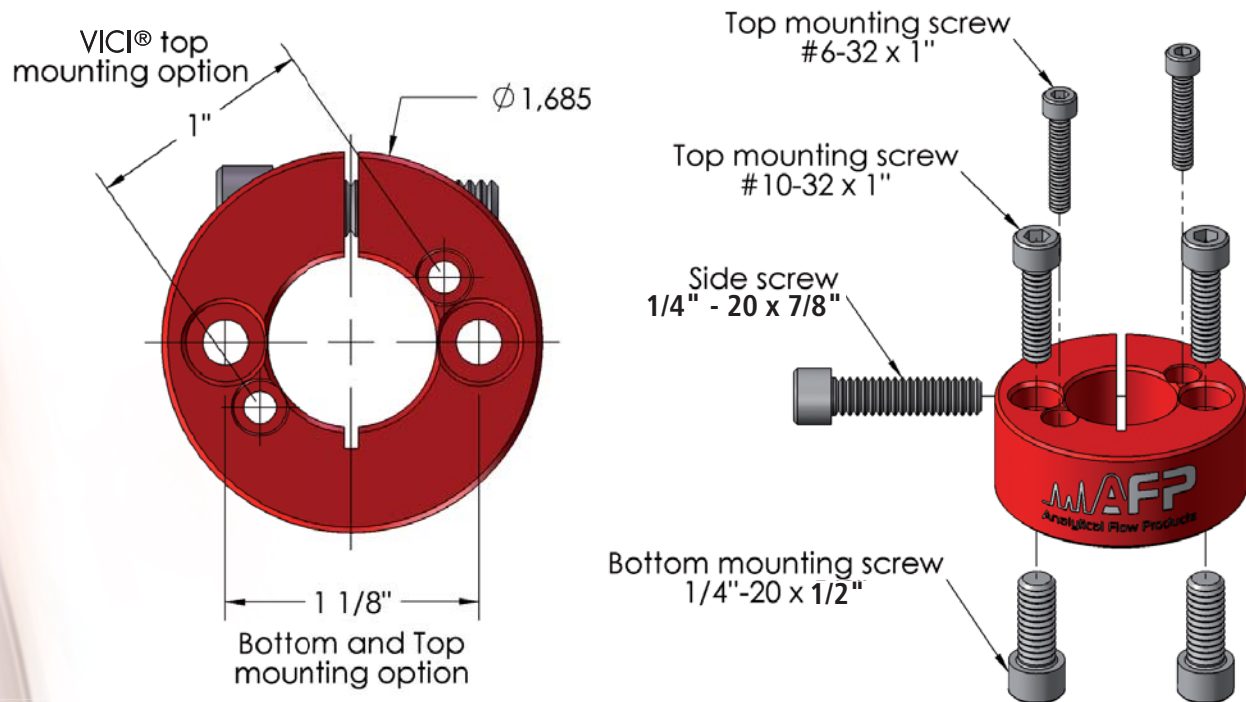


Fig. 1: Valve Collar Mounting Details

Please see Figure 2 for the typical schematic. Screw the #10-32 to 1/16" adaptor into the actuation port of the valve. Connect the actuation tubing between the outlet of a 3-way solenoid valve and the 1/16" port of the #10-32 adaptor. The length of this tube must be as short as possible. This is to make sure that the switching speed of the valve is not negatively affected. The switching speed of the valve is limited by this tubing length.

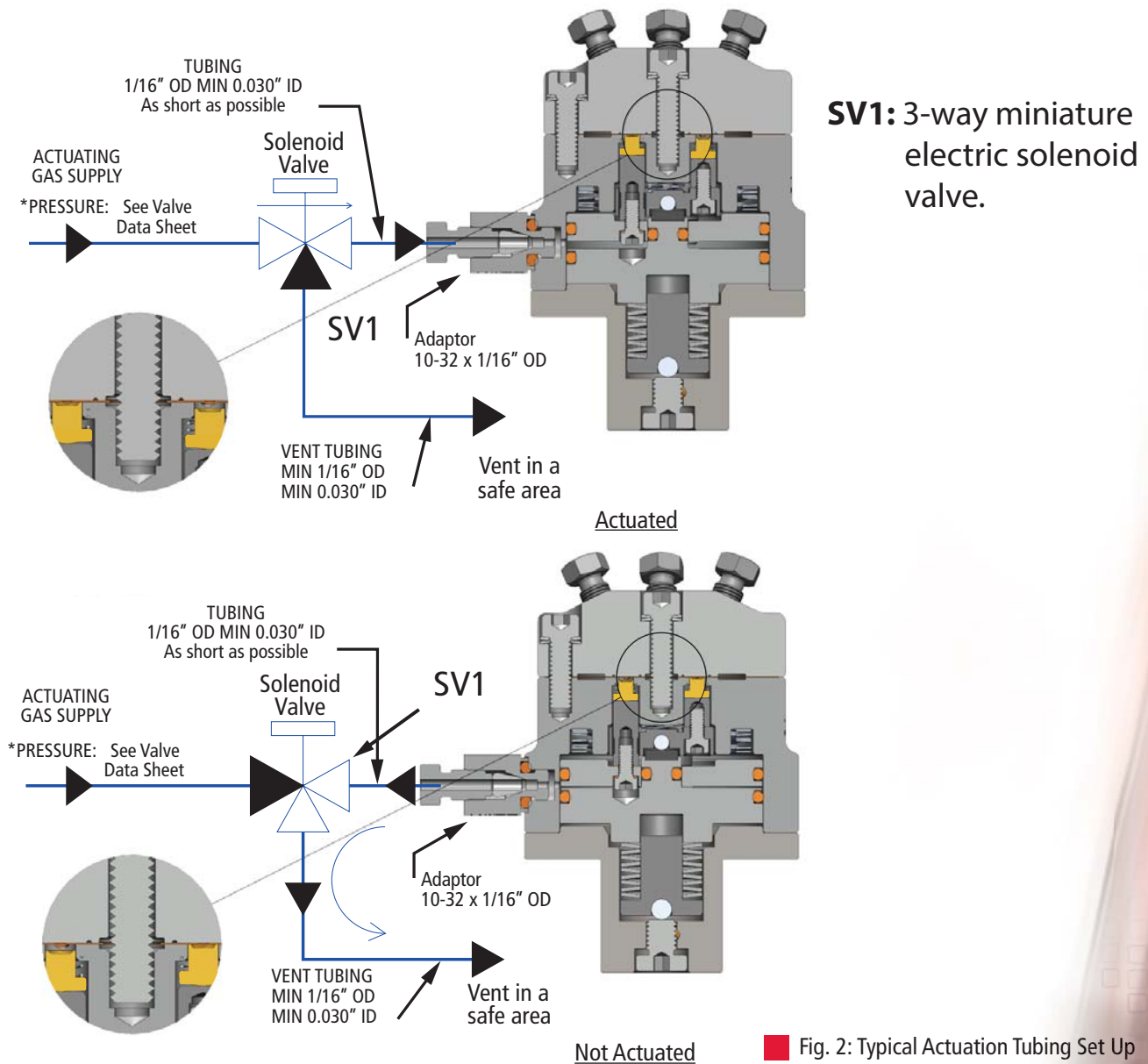
Adjust the actuation pressure as per valve specification sheet. The type of gas to use for actuation is dependent of the application. Please see application note AN-04: "Getting Full Benefit From The Purging Feature Of The ELDV/MDVG GC Diaphragm Valve".

NOTE:

See the specification sheet include with your valve for the right actuation pressure. This pressure may differ based on valve configuration.



This application note AN-04 must be read and understood in order to use your valve safely.



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REMOVING THE RELIEF PINS FROM CYLINDER BODY

Another unique feature is that the valves are delivered with relief pins. These pins remove the pressure done by the plungers on the diaphragm by pulling them down. The first aim of this feature is to allow an easy replacement of the diaphragm. Since all plungers are down, it is easy to match the diaphragm process groove with the cylinder body recess.

The second purpose of these relief pins is to allow long term valve storage or instrument shut down. This way, valve performances will be the same many months after its delivery, or when the instrument is ready to be re-started. Please see diaphragm replacement procedure for more information.

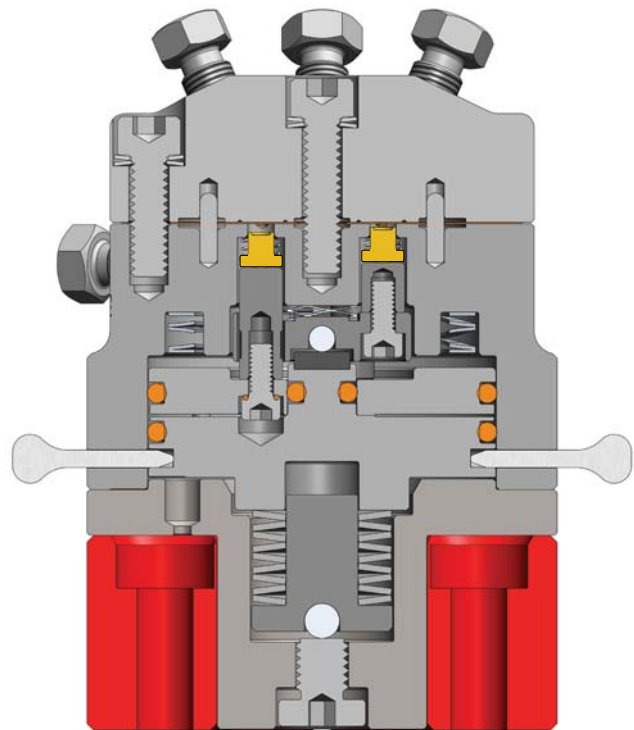
Once actuation tubing has been set up and pressure has been adjusted as per valve specification sheet, actuate the valve and remove the relief pins (i.e. allow actuating gas to flow in it). You may need to increase the pressure a little to ease hand removal of the pins. Remember, make sure to properly readjust the actuating operating pressure after removing the pins, if you had to change it.

Keep these pins in a safe place. You may want to re-use them for valve maintenance. It is a good practice to re-install the relief pins in all the valves of a system before shipping the unit to your customer.

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RE-INSTALLING THE RELIEF PINS INTO CYLINDER BODY

Actuate the valve by pressurizing the actuator (on position); when the actuator is pressurized, insert the relief pins into their respective holes as shown in figure 3. You may need to slightly increase the actuation pressure to ease the pins in. When the pins are properly inserted, depressurize the actuator (off position). This step make sure all plungers are down, making it easier to install the diaphragm and properly align it.

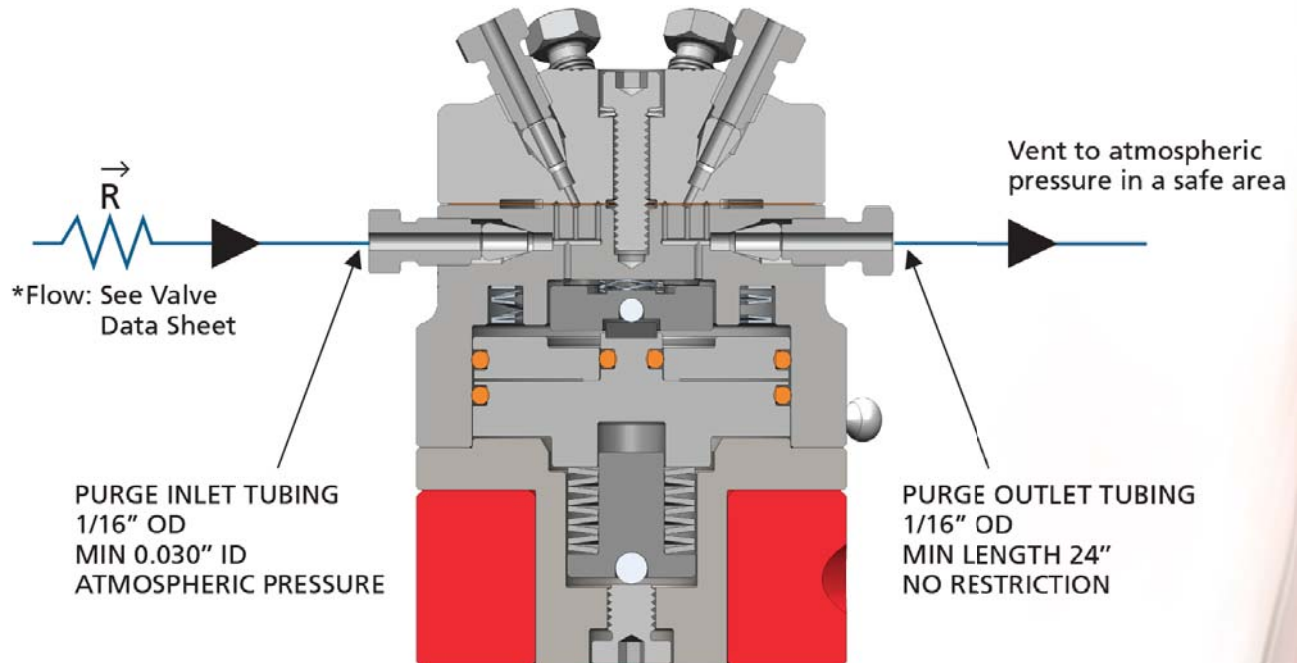


■ Fig. 3: Relief pins installed on the valve

The purging feature of this valve is a very powerful one. It allows a very higher sensitive application to be done with complete elimination of atmospheric interferences. It eliminates diffusion and permeation related problems. Safe operation and vacuum sampling or GC/MS interface are easier to implement with success. See Figure 4 for typical installation to supply a purge gas to the valve.

The purging gas is normally supplied to the valve through a simple flow orifice. This orifice can be made of a short piece of 1/16" OD tubing. The tube is generally pinched with the help of pliers in order to let around 5 sccm of gas flow through it. The flow could be measured with a bubble flow meter or any appropriate and accurate gas flow measuring device. The measuring flow device used to tune the orifice must have his outlet vent at atmospheric pressure. This is to make sure that you will know the flow of purge gas into the valve. The purge gas source and type are dependent of the application. Most of the time, the purge gas is the same as the carrier gas. So, the gas is teed off of the carrier gas inlet, and then the flow orifice is tuned at the carrier gas pressure level.

In most applications, the carrier could and should be used for actuating and purging gas. This is a good strategy mainly if the carrier gas is high purity helium and the detector has a high sensitivity, like helium ionization detector. Very little flow is required to actuate the valve. See application note AN-04 for more information about using the purging feature. See also the warning notice to avoid a hazardous situation. If your system is made of several valves with purge, the best is to connect them in parallel. However, if carrier gas supply is a problem, you may connect the valve purging network in series. If you do so, don't connect more than 5 valve purges in series. This is to make sure that internal valve purging system will not become pressurized



■ Fig. 4: Typical Purge Tubing Set-Up

The diaphragm replacement procedure is the same for the six and ten ports valve. If your valve has relief pin holes in the cylinder body, just follow the steps that refer to these pins. Skip those steps if your valve doesn't have these holes in the cylinder body.



Shut off carrier and sample gas before proceeding. If hydrogen, oxygen or other hazardous gases are flowing into the valve, evacuate them by allowing inert gas to flow through the valve. Make sure that no toxic or hazardous gas leak into your working area.

NOTE:

A visual inspection is necessary and recommended while the valve cap and the diaphragm are removed from the valve body. If there is any trace of contaminant on the valve cap wetted surface it must be cleaned following AFP® cleaning procedure.

*See disclaimer note and other notice on web site.

STEP 1

(If your valve doesn't have relief pins skip this step)

Actuate the valve by pressurizing the actuator (ON position). When the actuator is pressurized, insert the relief pins into their respective holes as shown in figure 5. You may need to slightly increase the actuation pressure to ease the pins in. When the pins are properly inserted, depressurize the actuator (OFF position). This step is to assure that all the plungers are down, making it easier to install the diaphragm and properly align it.

STEP 2

(If your valve doesn't have relief pins skip this step)

Unscrew first the three screws mounted on the outer edge of the valve cap and then unscrew the middle screw.

NOTE:

The screw mounted in the middle of the valve cap is longer than the other ones. It must be re-installed at the same place.

STEP 3

Carefully lift up the valve cap.

NOTE:

Don't touch the valve cap surface with your fingers.

STEP 4

With the help of a small and clean plastic tweezer remove the used diaphragm.

STEP 5

Remove the new diaphragm from the lint free bag. With the help of a small and clean plastic tweezer install the diaphragm in place. Make sure that the diaphragm groove is aligned with the recess in the cylinder body. For older version valve, make sure that the purge holes in the diaphragm are aligned with the purge holes in the cylinder body. The most recent valve version allows the diaphragm to be installed only in the proper position because of the dowel pins and their corresponding holes in the diaphragm. This is represented in figure 6.

NOTE:

Manipulate the diaphragm only by its edge. Don't touch the process area with your fingers or dirty tools. This will affect the detector baseline and/or contaminate the column.

STEP 6

Re-install the valve cap on the cylinder body by aligning the cylinder dowel pins with valve cap corresponding holes and gently depose the valve cap on the diaphragm. Make sure that the counter bore on the valve cap and that the screws are aligned with the threads in the cylinder body.

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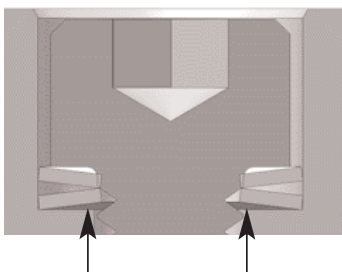
If you feel any resistance, you may not be aligned properly.

STEP 7

Re-install the four mounting screws by beginning with the longer one that must be installed in the center hole of the valve cap. Tighten this screw to 5 lb-in (0.6 N-m) using a proper torquing tool and then continue with the 3 other ones.

NOTE:

Make sure to have two compression washers per screw installed in the proper position.



STEP 8

Tighten first the center screw to exactly 20 lb-in (2.3 N-m) using a proper torquing tool and then, continue with the 3 other ones.

STEP 9

(If your valve doesn't have relief pins skip this step)

Re-pressurize the actuator and remove the relief pins.

STEP 10

(If your valve doesn't have relief pins skip this step)

Depressurize the actuator.

STEP 11

The valve is now ready to be used.

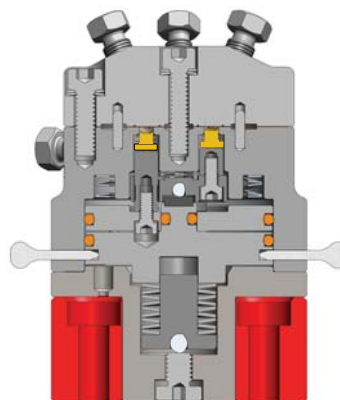
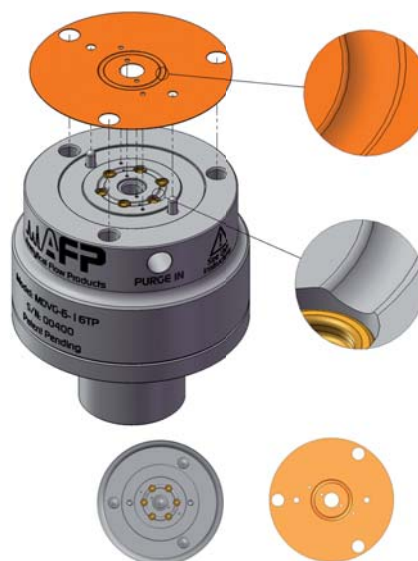


Figure 5

Older Version



Most recent version

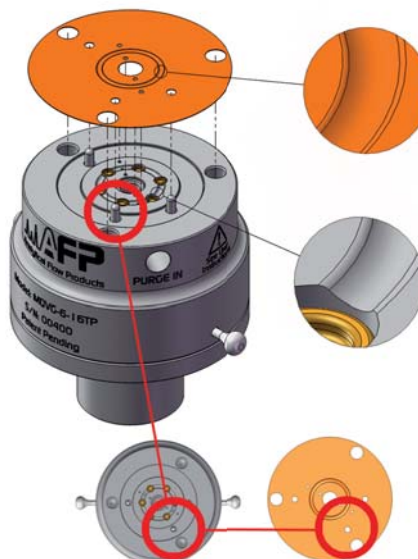


Figure 6

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