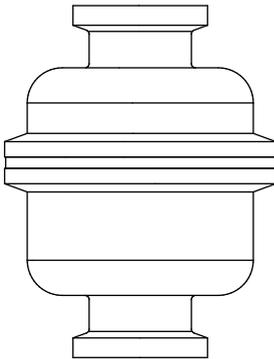

AVM6.1
Stainless Steel Thermostatic Air Vent
Installation and Maintenance Instructions



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1. Safety information

Safe operation of this product can only be guaranteed if it is properly installed, commissioned, used and maintained by qualified personnel (see Section 1.11) in compliance with the operating instructions. General installation and safety instructions for pipeline and plant construction, as well as the proper use of tools and safety equipment must also be complied with.

1.1 Intended use

Referring to the Installation and Maintenance Instructions, name-plate and Technical Information Sheet, check that the product is suitable for the intended use/application. The product listed below complies with the requirements of the Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) and carries the  mark when so required. The product falls within the following Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) categories:

| Product | Group 2 Gases | Group 2 Liquids |
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| AVM6.1 | SEP | SEP |

- i) The product has been specifically designed for use on steam, air or water/condensate which are in Group 2 of the above mentioned Pressure Equipment Directive (PED).
- ii) Check material suitability, pressure and temperature and their maximum and minimum values. If the maximum operating limits of the product are lower than those of the system in which it is being fitted, or if malfunction of the product could result in a dangerous overpressure or overtemperature occurrence, ensure a safety device is included in the system to prevent such over-limit situations.
- iii) Determine the correct installation situation and direction of fluid flow.
- iv) Spirax Sarco products are not intended to withstand external stresses that may be induced by any system to which they are fitted. It is the responsibility of the installer to consider these stresses and take adequate precautions to minimise them.
- v) Remove protective covers from all connections and the protective film from all name-plates, where appropriate, before installation on steam or other high temperature applications.

1.2 Access

Ensure safe access and if necessary a safe working platform (suitably guarded) before attempting to work on the product. Arrange suitable lifting gear if required.

1.3 Lighting

Ensure adequate lighting, particularly where detailed or intricate work is required.

1.4 Hazardous liquids or gases in the pipeline

Consider what is in the pipeline or what may have been in the pipeline at some previous time. Consider: flammable materials, substances hazardous to health, extremes of temperature.

1.5 Hazardous environment around the product

Consider: explosion risk areas, lack of oxygen (e.g. tanks, pits), dangerous gases, extremes of temperature, hot surfaces, fire hazard (e.g. during welding), excessive noise, moving machinery.

1.6 The system

Consider the effect on the complete system of the work proposed. Will any proposed action (e.g. closing isolation valves, electrical isolation) put any other part of the system or any personnel at risk? Dangers might include isolation of vents or protective devices or the rendering ineffective of controls or alarms. Ensure isolation valves are turned on and off in a gradual way to avoid system shocks.

1.7 Pressure systems

Ensure that any pressure is isolated and safely vented to atmospheric pressure. Consider double isolation (double block and bleed) and the locking or labelling of closed valves. Do not assume that the system has depressurised even when the pressure gauge indicates zero.

1.8 Temperature

Allow time for temperature to normalise after isolation to avoid danger of burns.

If parts made from FKM have been subjected to a temperature above 250 °C (482 °F), it may have decomposed and formed flourine compounds, fluro hydrocarbons and fluro olefins. When subjected to temperatures above 500 °C (932 °F) parts made from FKM may ignite. Combustion residues are very corrosive and acidic, so acid-resistant gloves should be worn when handling, and calcium oxide/hydroxide can be used to neutralise it.

1.9 Tools and consumables

Before starting work ensure that you have suitable tools and/or consumables available. Use only genuine Spirax Sarco replacement parts.

1.10 Protective clothing

Consider whether you and/or others in the vicinity require any protective clothing to protect against the hazards of, for example, chemicals, high/low temperature, radiation, noise, falling objects, and dangers to eyes and face.

1.11 Permits to work

All work must be carried out or be supervised by a suitably competent person.

Installation and operating personnel should be trained in the correct use of the product according to the Installation and Maintenance Instructions.

Where a formal 'permit to work' system is in force it must be complied with. Where there is no such system, it is recommended that a responsible person should know what work is going on and, where necessary, arrange to have an assistant whose primary responsibility is safety.

Post 'warning notices' if necessary.

1.12 Handling

Manual handling of large and/or heavy products may present a risk of injury. Lifting, pushing, pulling, carrying or supporting a load by bodily force can cause injury particularly to the back. You are advised to assess the risks taking into account the task, the individual, the load and the working environment and use the appropriate handling method depending on the circumstances of the work being done.

1.13 Residual hazards

In normal use the external surface of the product may be very hot. If used at the maximum permitted operating conditions the surface temperature of some products may reach temperatures in excess of 300 °C (572 °F).

Many products are not self-draining. Take due care when dismantling or removing the product from an installation (refer to 'Maintenance instructions').

1.14 Freezing

Provision must be made to protect products which are not self-draining against frost damage in environments where they may be exposed to temperatures below freezing point.

1.15 Disposal

Unless otherwise stated in the Installation and Maintenance Instructions, this product is recyclable and no ecological hazard is anticipated with its disposal providing due care is taken, except:

FKM:

- Can be landfilled, when in compliance with National and Local regulations (waste code no.57502 - rubber waste; Germany).
- Can be incinerated when in compliance with National and Local regulations.
- Is insoluble in water.
- Is soluble in aromatic hydrocarbons.

1.16 Returning products

Customers and stockists are reminded that under EC Health, Safety and Environment Law, when returning products to Spirax Sarco they must provide information on any hazards and the precautions to be taken due to contamination residues or mechanical damage which may present a health, safety or environmental risk. This information must be provided in writing including Health and Safety data sheets relating to any substances identified as hazardous or potentially hazardous.

2. General product information

2.1 General description

The AVM6.1 is a maintainable thermostatic air vent designed to remove air and other non-condensable gases from clean steam systems. Manufactured in 316L stainless steel with a crevice free body design, and an internal surface finish of 0.5µm Ra whilst the external finish is 1.0µm Ra, the AVM6.1 operates close to steam temperature. The product is individually packaged within an 'ISO CLASS 7' clean environment with protective end caps and sealed in a protective plastic bag.

Standards

- The AVM6.1 has been designed and built in general accordance with ASME BPE.
- The unit also complies with the requirements of the Pressure Equipment Directive (PED).

The seal part is compliant with:

- FDA CFR Title 21. Paragraph 177. 2600.
- USP Class VI Biological Reactivity Cytotoxicity Testing In-Vivo <88> extracted at 121 °C for 1 hour.
- ADI Free (Animal Derived Ingredients) for materials used, manufacturing processes involved in producing the part.

Certification

This product is available with the following certification:

- EN 10204 3.1 material certificates (pressure containing parts)
- EN 10204 3.1 material certificates (wetted parts, including element fill) subject to additional cost.
- Typical Internal surface finish certificates.
- Specific internal surface finish certificates available at point of order request, and may be subject to additional cost.
- Certificate of compliance for FDA, USP and ADI free.
- TSE/BSE Free Statement.
- Certificate of compliance EC1935:2004 Food Contact Materials.
- Declaration of conformity BS EN ISO 14644-1:2015 Class 7 Clean Room.

Note: All certification/inspection requirements must be stated at the time of order placement, and may be subject to additional cost.

Note: for further product data see Technical Information Sheet TI-P080-01.

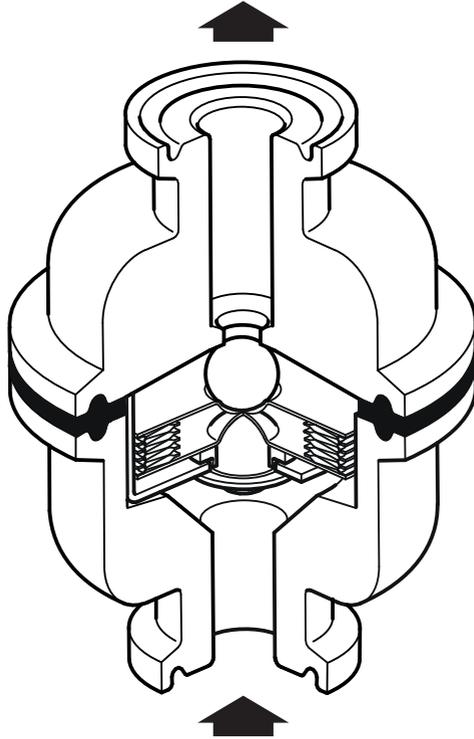


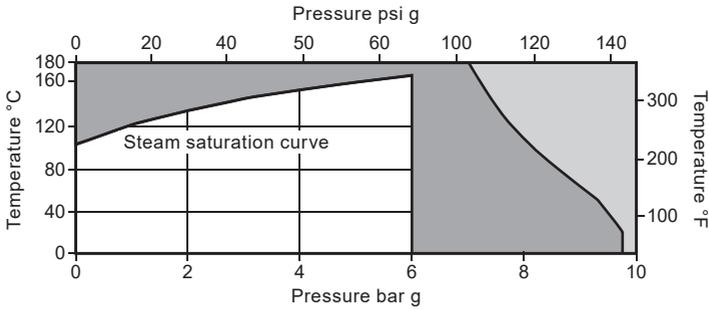
Fig. 1 AVM6.1 (clamp removed for clarity)

2.2 Sizes and pipe connections

½" sanitary clamp compatible hygienic connection.

Note: All certification/inspection requirements must be stated at the time of order placement, and may be subject to additional cost.

2.3 Pressure/temperature limits (ISO 6552)



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 The product should not be used in this region as damage to the internals may occur.

Note: For hygienic/sanitary clamp ends the maximum pressure/temperature may be restricted by the gasket or sanitary clamp used. Please consult Spirax Sarco.

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| Body design condition | | PN10 |
| PMA | Maximum allowable pressure | 9.7 bar g @ 38 °C (140.7 psi g @ 100.4 °F) |
| TMA | Maximum allowable temperature | 171 °C @ 7.1 bar g (339.8 °F @ 103 psi g) |
| | Minimum allowable temperature | -10 °C (14 °F) |
| PMO | Maximum operating pressure for saturated steam service | 6 bar g (87 psi g) |
| TMO | Maximum operating temperature | 165 °C @ 6 bar g (329 °F @ 87 psi g) |
| | Minimum operating temperature | 0 °C (32 °F) |
| | Designed for a maximum cold hydraulic test pressure of: | 14.55 bar g (211 psi g) |

3. Installation

Note: Before actioning any installation observe the 'Safety information' in Section 1.

Referring to the Installation and Maintenance Instructions, name-plate and Technical Information Sheet, check that the product is suitable for the intended installation:

- 3.1** Check materials, pressure and temperature and their maximum values. If the maximum operating limit of the product is lower than that of the system in which it is being fitted, ensure that a safety device is included in the system to prevent overpressurisation.
- 3.2** Determine the correct installation situation and the direction of fluid flow.
- 3.3** Remove protective covers from all connections and the protective film from all name-plates, where appropriate, before installation on steam or other high temperature applications.
- 3.4** The product is designed for installation in **vertical lines** with the flow upwards to ensure self-draining operation. Do not expose the element to superheat conditions since over expansion may result. Suitable isolation valves must be installed to allow for safe maintenance/replacement. Open isolation valves slowly until normal operating conditions are achieved. Check for leaks.
- 3.5** If the trap is to be subjected to a hydraulic test at the full design pressure, before conducting the test, it is preferable to remove the internals to minimize the risk of damage.

Caution: In order to prevent undue stresses on the pipeline and air vent, ensure adequate provision is made for thermal expansion.

Note: The body and element must be handled carefully to ensure that surfaces are not damaged. If the trap is to discharge to atmosphere ensure it is to a safe place, the discharging fluid may be at a temperature of 100 °C (212 °F).

4. Commissioning

After installation or maintenance ensure that the system is fully functional. Carry out tests on any alarms or protective devices.

5. Operation

The operating element is a stainless steel capsule containing a small quantity of a temperature sensing fluid. In the cold conditions that exist at start-up, the capsule is relaxed. The valve is off its seat and is wide open, allowing unrestricted removal of air.

As air passes through the product, heat is transferred to the liquid in the capsule. The fill liquid boils before steam reaches the air vent. The vapour pressure within the capsule causes it to expand and the unit shuts.

6. Maintenance

Note: Before actioning any maintenance program observe the 'Safety information' in Section 1.

6.1 General information

Before undertaking any maintenance on the air vent it must be isolated from the supply line and return line and any pressure allowed to safely normalise to atmosphere. The air vent should then be allowed to cool. When reassembling, ensure that all joint faces are clean. Always ensure the correct tools, safety procedures and protective equipment are used at all times.

Notes:

- 1 - Damage to the capsule element assembly will occur if the body clamp is removed before the product has cooled to 60°C or below.
- 2 - The body and element must be handled carefully to ensure that the machined surfaces are not damaged.

6.2 How to fit new internals:

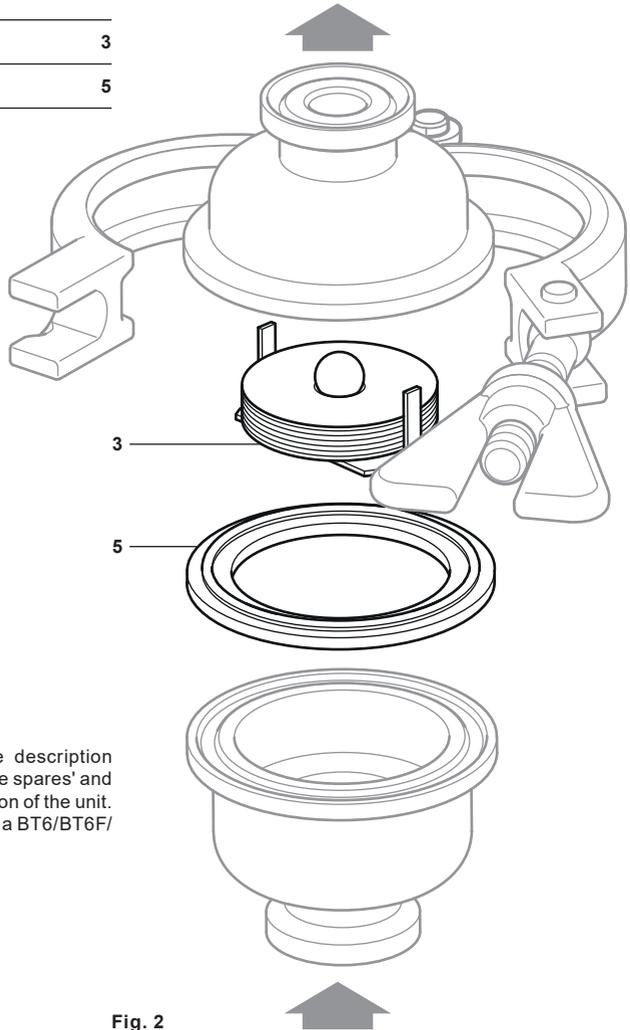
- Remove the sanitary clamp from the pipeline connections and remove the whole unit from the pipeline.
- Remove the body sanitary clamp (4), then the product inlet and outlet body including the seat (2), seal (5) and capsule element assembly (3) can be removed for cleaning or replacement.
- Reassemble using a new seal and with the valve head in position to close onto the seat orifice.
- Replace and tighten sanitary clamps and put back into service. Check for leaks and re-tighten as necessary

7. Spare parts

Available spares are shown in solid outline. Parts drawn in a grey line are not available as spares.

Available spares

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| Element assembly | 3 |
| Gasket (set of 3) | 5 |



How to order spares

Always order spares by using the description given in the column headed 'Available spares' and state the size, type and end connection of the unit.

Example: 1 - Element assembly for a BT6/BT6F/AVM6.1/AVM7.

