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Small plastics valves for chemigation

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Foreword

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ISO 13693 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Irrigation equipment — Safety devices for chemigation*:

— *Part 1: Small plastics valves for chemigation*

Chemigation valve assemblies from DN 75 to DN 350 are to form the subject of a future part 2.

Irrigation equipment — Safety devices for chemigation —

Part 1: Small plastics valves for chemigation

1 Scope

This part of ISO 13693 specifies the general requirements and test methods for small plastics-bodied valves used for chemigation, hereinafter referred to as “the device”, intended for operation in irrigation pipe systems which may contain fertilizers and chemicals of the type and concentration used in agriculture.

It is applicable to controllable safety devices (also known as backflow preventers) with a reduced pressure zone (RPZ), intended to prevent backflow by back-siphonage or backpressure of irrigation water into an upstream potable water distribution system, whenever the pressure in the latter is lower than that in the system located downstream.

It is applicable to such devices of nominal size up to and including DN 50 (2”), with a nominal pressure of PN10, that are capable of working without modification or adjustment

— at any pressure up to 1 MPa (10 bar),

— with any pressure variation up to 1 MPa (10 bar), and

— in permanent duty at temperatures up to 45 °C and for 1 h at 65 °C.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 7-1, *Pipe threads where pressure-tight joints are made on the threads — Part 1: Dimensions, tolerances and designation*

ISO 9635-1, *Agricultural irrigation equipment — Irrigation valves — Part 1: General requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 9635-1 and the following apply.

3.1
controllable safety device with a reduced pressure zone
controllable safety device with RPZ
device containing two independently-acting *check valves* (3.7) together with a hydraulically operated, mechanically independent pressure relief valve located between the check valves

3.2
backflow
flow against the intended direction of flow

3.3
back-siphonage
backflow (3.2) due to a reduction in system pressure, which causes a sub-atmospheric pressure at a site in the system

3.4
backpressure
elevation above the supply pressure of the pressure downstream in a piping system which could cause a reversal of the flow from its intended direction

3.5
nominal pressure
PN
maximum static water pressure, immediately upstream of a small plastics valve used for *chemigation* (3.6), at which the valve is required to operate

3.6
chemigation
application of any chemical through an irrigation system

3.7
check valve
valve which automatically opens by fluid flow in a defined direction and which automatically closes to prevent fluid flow in the reverse direction

4 Classification

The nominal and connection sizes of the device shall be in accordance with Table 1.

Table 1 — Connection sizes of threaded and flanged devices

Nominal size DN, mm	**8**	**10**	**15**	**20**	**25**	**32**	**40**	**50**
Nominal diameter of threaded connections (in accordance with ISO 7-1), inches	1/4	3/8	1/2	3/4	1	1¼	1½	2
Nominal diameter of flanged connections, mm	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	50

5 Designation

The device shall be designated as follows:

a) type;

b) nominal size (DN) (see Table 1);

c) nominal pressure (PN);

d) connection type;

e) type of plastics material (generic);

f) reference to this part of ISO 13693.

6 Materials

The manufacturer shall state, in the technical and sales literature on the device, the types of materials from which the device is made.

The device shall be corrosion-resistant.

The materials from which the device is manufactured shall be compatible with chemicals normally used in irrigation systems.

Where the device may come into contact with potable water, the device and the materials from which it is manufactured shall comply with national standards for potable water.

7 Design requirements

7.1 General

The design characteristics (see Figure 1) of the device shall be as follows:

a) three pressure zones — upstream, intermediate and downstream — such that the pressure, P_1, in the upstream zone is greater than the pressure, P_i, in the intermediate zone, which is greater than the pressure, P_2, in the downstream zone, under static (no flow) and flow conditions;

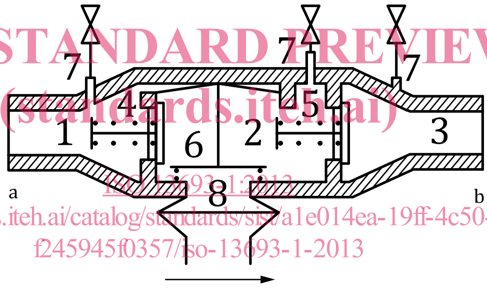
b) $P_1 - P_i > 14$ kPa (140 mbar);

c) intermediate pressure zone connected to the atmosphere, when $P_1 - P_i \leq 14$ kPa (140 mbar);

d) intermediate pressure zone disconnected from the atmosphere, when $P_1 \leq 14$ kPa (140 mbar);

e) minimum set discharge flow (backflow rate);

f) allows verification, in every zone, of disconnection and sealing of the protection devices (obturators, discharge valves).



Key

1 upstream pressure (P_1) zone
2 intermediate pressure (P_i) zone
3 downstream pressure (P_2) zone
4 upstream check valve
5 downstream check valve
6 relief valve
7 pressure tap orifice
8 funnel

a Upstream.
b Downstream.

Figure 1 — Design principle

The internal components of the device shall be accessible for inspection, repair or replacement. These operations shall be possible even when the device is installed. The components shall be able to be replaced without removing the device, without ambiguity (impossibility of reversal or interchange of obturators, diaphragms, springs, etc.). A visible mark is not sufficient.

The settings of the springs shall be fixed and not adjustable.

Only the water pressure of the supply network shall be able to operate the control of the internal components of the device.

Possible additional control devices (electric, pneumatic, etc.) shall not adversely affect the backflow protection function.

The device shall be installed horizontally, except where the manufacturer states that it can also be installed in the vertical position. The tests shall be carried out in the prescribed position.

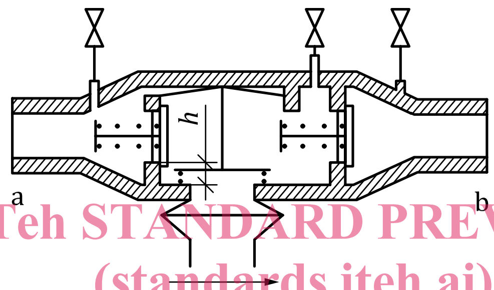
7.2 Relief valve

When the differential pressure between the upstream and downstream check valves is less than 14 kPa (140 mbar), the relief valve shall be open to ensure positive safety (draining the intermediate pressure zone to the atmosphere).

The internal vertical distance, h (in the disconnected position), between the highest point of the seat of the relief valve and the lowest point of the seat of the upstream check valve (see Figure 2) shall be

— $h \geq 5$ mm, for DN ≤ 15, and

— $h \geq 10$ mm, for 15 < DN ≤ 50.



a Upstream.
b Downstream.

Figure 2 — Relief valve

In all installation positions indicated by the manufacturer, no water retention shall be permitted within the intermediate pressure zone.

The cross-section of the passage orifices shall be ≥45 mm^2 with DN > 15, or 12,5 mm^2 with DN ≤ 15; no dimension for the calculation of the cross-section shall be less than 4 mm.

A device fitted with a funnel shall evacuate at the full relief flow rate defined in Table 6.

The funnel to the drain shall be

— directly incorporated into the device,

— factory fitted, or

— supplied with the device.

The structure of the relief orifice of the device shall be such that neither the fitting of a standardized threaded pipe, nor the connection of a standardized pipe or shape — be it by glue, welding or interlocking — is useable.

7.3 Pressure taps

The device shall include three pressure taps to permit periodic verification that the device is functioning properly, which shall be placed

— upstream from the first check valve,

— in the intermediate pressure zone, and

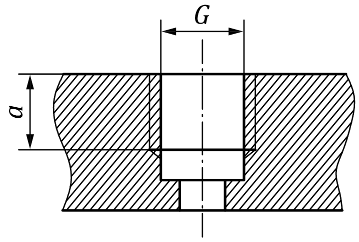
— downstream from the second check valve.

They shall be dimensioned as shown in Figure 3 and as given in Table 2.

The bores for the pressure taps shall have, over their full length, a minimum cross-section of 12,5 mm². Their smallest dimension shall not be less than 4 mm.

Table 2 — Pressure-tap thread dimensions

Nominal size **DN,** mm	**Thread designation,** *G* (in accordance with ISO 7-1)	**Thread depth** *a*, mm
DN ≤ 10	G1/8 or G1/4	≥ 6,5
10 < DN ≤ 50	G1/4	≥ 6,5



Key

G thread size

a thread depth

Figure 3 — Pressure-tap thread dimensions

Each pressure tap shall be fitted with a 1/4 turn cock of size

— DN 6 (G1/8 connection) female outlet, for devices of DN ≤ 10, or

— DN 8 (G1/4 connection) female outlet, for devices of 10 < DN ≤ 50.

8 Characteristics and tests

8.1 General test conditions

Carry out the performance tests on the device installed in accordance with the manufacturer's technical documents.

If not specified, perform all tests with water at an ambient temperature not exceeding 40 °C.

In the absence of particular specifications, ensure that measurement accuracy is as follows:

— flow rate: ± 2 % of the value specified;

— pressure: ± 2 % of the value specified;

— water temperature: ± 5 °C of the value specified;

— time: 0 to +10 % of the measured value.

All other measuring instruments shall have an accuracy of ± 2 % of the measured value.

8.2 Expression of the results

Record the measured values. These results may be graphically expressed as a function of pressure, flow rate or time. For examples, see Annex A.

8.3 Order of testing

Execute all tests on one device, except for the test of long-term pressure endurance (8.7), which may be performed on another device without internal parts.

Perform the tests in the sequence according to Table 3.

Table 3 — Test sequence

Order of sequence	Test	Subclause of this part of ISO 13693
1	Resistance of body to short-term pressure	8.4.2
2	Closing pressure and tightness of downstream check valve	8.5.2
3	Tightness of downstream check valve	8.5.1
4	Tightness of upstream check valve at low pressure	8.5.3
5	Pressure loss as function of flow rate	8.6.1
6	Pressure difference between upstream and intermediate pressure zones	8.6.2
7	Venting to atmospheric pressure of intermediate pressure zone when upstream pressure drops	8.6.3
8	Pressures at opening and closing of relief valve	8.6.4
9	Relief valve tightness in case of fluctuation of upstream pressure	8.6.5
10	Pressure in intermediate pressure zone under backflow conditions	8.6.6
11	Short-term endurance tests	8.4.3
12	Tightness of downstream check valve	8.5.1
13	Closing pressure and tightness of downstream check valve	8.5.2
14	Tightness of upstream check valve at low pressure	8.5.3
15	Venting to atmospheric pressure of intermediate pressure zone when upstream pressure drops	8.6.3
16	Tightness of upstream check valve under vacuum	8.5.4

8.4 Mechanical characteristics

8.4.1 General

Ensure that the test equipment allows the device to be tested in accordance with the requirements.

NOTE The examples shown in the figures are for guidance only.

8.4.2 Resistance of body to short-term pressure

Apply an increase of static water pressure at the inlet of the device in increments of 0,1 MPa (1 bar) per 5 s, up to 2,5 MPa (25 bar).

Hold this pressure for 5 min.

Record any observations.

Neither visual permanent deformation, nor rupture of the body or internal parts of the device shall occur.

8.4.3 Short-term endurance tests

8.4.3.1 Behaviour at elevated temperature

Place the fully assembled device in an environment of temperature 65 °C and relative humidity (50 ± 5) % for 72 h.

8.4.3.2 Thermal shock

Following the test according to 8.4.3.1, immerse the device in a water bath at a temperature of 65 °C for 60 min, so that the water reaches all parts of the device that are in contact with water during normal operation.

After 60 min, immerse the device in a bath of temperature 15 °C for 10 min.

At the conclusion of this test, disassemble the device and examine it.

There shall be no visible deformation of the elastomeric and plastic parts.

8.4.3.3 Cyclic pressure test

Following the tests of 8.4.3.1 and 8.4.3.2, place the device in the test setup shown in Figure 4 and submit it to (5 000 ± 50) cycles, at a water temperature of 45 °C, with each cycle comprising the following stages, in the sequence given:

— open valve 5, then valve 1; maintain circulation at ± 5 % of the flow rate given in Table 4 for (6 ± 2) s;

— close valve 5, then valve 1;

— open valve 3, maintaining a static pressure of 0,3 MPa (3 bar) for (6 ± 2) s;

— close valve 3, open valve 4, then drain the device (by opening the relief valve) for (6 ± 2) s;

— close valve 4;

— open valve 5, then valve 1, maintain circulation at ± 5 % of the flow rate given in Table 4 for (6 ± 2) s;

— close valve 5, then valve 1;

— open valve 2, maintaining a static pressure of 1 MPa (10 bar) for (6 ± 2) s;

— close valve 2, open valve 4, then drain the device by opening the relief valve for (6 ± 2) s;

— close valve 4.