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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide increased reliability and safety in automated on-off valve operation by defining and standardizing valve torque nomenclature used in actuator selection. The content is derived from Reference [15].

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1 Scope

This document applies to part-turn actuated valve assemblies comprising valve (e.g. ball valve, butterfly valve, and plug valve), actuator and, when required, a mounting kit supplied as a package.

It defines the design considerations necessary for automating valves, the responsibilities for the information required and tasks to be completed, to ensure suitable actuator and mounting kit sizing, selection and assembly on the valve.

It applies to pneumatic, hydraulic, electro-hydraulic and electric actuators. An actuator coupled to a gearbox, as defined in ISO 5211, is included in the scope of this document. Lever or manual gearbox operated valves are excluded.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 273, *Fasteners — Clearance holes for bolts and screws*

ISO 5211:2017, *Industrial valves — Part-turn actuator attachments*

ISO 12944-2, *Paints and varnishes — Corrosion protection of steel structures by protective paint systems — Part 2: Classification of environments*

ISO 22153:2020, *Electric actuators for industrial valves — General requirements*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

MSS SP-101:2014, *Part-Turn Valve Actuator Attachment — FA Flange and Driving Component — Dimensions and Performance Characteristics*

ASME B18.2.8, *Clearance Holes for Bolts, Screws, and Studs*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

actuator

device designed for attachment to a general-purpose industrial valve in order to provide for the operation of the valve

Note 1 to entry: The device is designed to operate using motive energy which may be electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic, etc., or any combination of these. Movement is limited by travel or torque.

[SOURCE: ISO 5211:2017, 3.1]

**3.2
breakaway angle**

amount of *valve stem* (3.22) rotation before the *obturator* (3.9) breaks sealing contact with the seat

Note 1 to entry: The breakaway angle can be significant to *actuator* (3.1) sizing when more than 5° of rotation.

**3.3
breakaway torque**

maximum torque required to operate a valve at maximum pressure differential

Note 1 to entry: Breakaway torque is a general term that applies to the valve break to open torque and the valve break to close torque.

**3.4
MAST
maximum allowable stem torque**

maximum torque that can be applied to the *valve stem* (3.22) or coupling, as defined by the manufacturer, without causing permanent deformation or mechanical damage that prevents sealing or operation

**3.5
cycle**

movement of the valve *obturator* (3.9) from the fully closed position to the fully open position and back to the fully closed position, or vice versa

[SOURCE: ISO 12490:2011, 4.8, modified — The word “continuous” at the beginning of the definition has been removed.]

**3.6
DN
NPS
nominal size**

alphanumeric designation of size that is common for components used in a piping system, used for reference purposes, comprising the letters DN or NPS followed by a dimensionless number indirectly related to the physical size of the bore or outside diameter of the end connections

Note 1 to entry: The number following DN or NPS does not represent a measurable value and is not used for calculation purposes except where specified in a product standard.

[SOURCE: ISO 5208:2015, 2.7]

**3.7
intermediate support**

mechanical component (e.g., bracket, spool, adapter flange) being part of a *mounting kit* (3.8) that allows the attachment between a valve and *actuator* (3.1)

**3.8
mounting kit**

components that can include combinations of the following: intermediate support, coupling, drive key(s), dowel pin(s) and fasteners

**3.9
obturator**

part of a valve, such as a ball, clapper, disc, gate or plug that is positioned in the flow stream to permit or prevent flow

[SOURCE: ISO 14313:2007, 4.19, modified — The term “closure member” has been removed.]

**3.10
differential pressure**

Δp
pressure difference across the upstream and downstream sides of the *obturator* (3.9) seals when it is in the fully closed, partially open, or fully open position

3.11**maximum rated pressure**

maximum pressure that can safely be applied in the pressure-containing parts of a pneumatic or hydraulic *actuator* (3.1) as defined by the actuator manufacturer

3.12**maximum supply pressure**

maximum available pressure to supply at a pneumatic or hydraulic *actuator* (3.1) pressure inlet port as defined by the purchaser

3.13**minimum operating pressure**

minimum required pressure to supply at a pneumatic or hydraulic actuator pressure inlet port to operate the *actuator* (3.1) as defined by the actuator manufacturer

3.14**minimum supply pressure**

minimum available pressure to supply at a pneumatic or hydraulic *actuator* (3.1) pressure inlet port as defined by the purchaser

3.15**sizing safety factor****SSF**

numerical value that is multiplied to the valve operating torque that is used when selecting an *actuator* (3.1)

3.16**stroke**

travel of the valve *obturator* (3.9) from the fully closed to the fully open position, or vice versa

Note 1 to entry: End of stroke is predefined as the fully closed or fully open position.

[SOURCE: ISO 12490:2011, 4.25, modified — The Note 1 to entry has been added and the word “movement” has been substituted by “travel”.] 115:2023

3.17**travel**

movement of the *actuator* (3.1) in driving a valve *obturator* (3.9), defined in terms of output turns, angular or linear distance, a percentage thereof or undefined when relating to general movements(s)

[SOURCE: ISO 22153:2020, 3.13]

3.18**valve dynamic torque** T_d

torque generated by flow of media through valve and around the *obturator* (3.9)

[SOURCE: Reference [14]]

3.19 C_t **valve dynamic torque coefficient**

dimensionless coefficient used to determine the flow induced torque on the *obturator* (3.9) as a function of valve geometry, flow rate, and valve position

[SOURCE: Reference [14]]

3.20**valve operation time**

period between when the signal is given for the valve to operate, starting from the fully open position and ending at the fully closed position or vice versa

**3.21
valve response time**

period between when the signal is given for the valve to operate until the *obturator* (3.9) starts to move

Note 1 to entry: With electric *actuators* (3.1), a valve response time is not relevant.

**3.22
valve stem**

part of the valve transmitting the driving torque to the *obturator* (3.9)

Note 1 to entry: This concept also referred to as valve shaft or valve spindle in product standards, is collectively identified herein as valve stem.

**3.23
valve travel time**

period between when *obturator* (3.9) starts to move starting from the fully open position and ending to the fully closed position or vice versa

**3.24
valve torque**

required input torque at the valve stem at the moment there is relative movement between the *obturator* (3.9) and seat(s)

Note 1 to entry: This torque can vary depending on the valve starting position and internal pressure.

4 Abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the abbreviated terms given in [Table 1](#) apply.

Abbreviated terms are preceded by the letter V when referring to the valve, and the letter A when referring to the actuator.

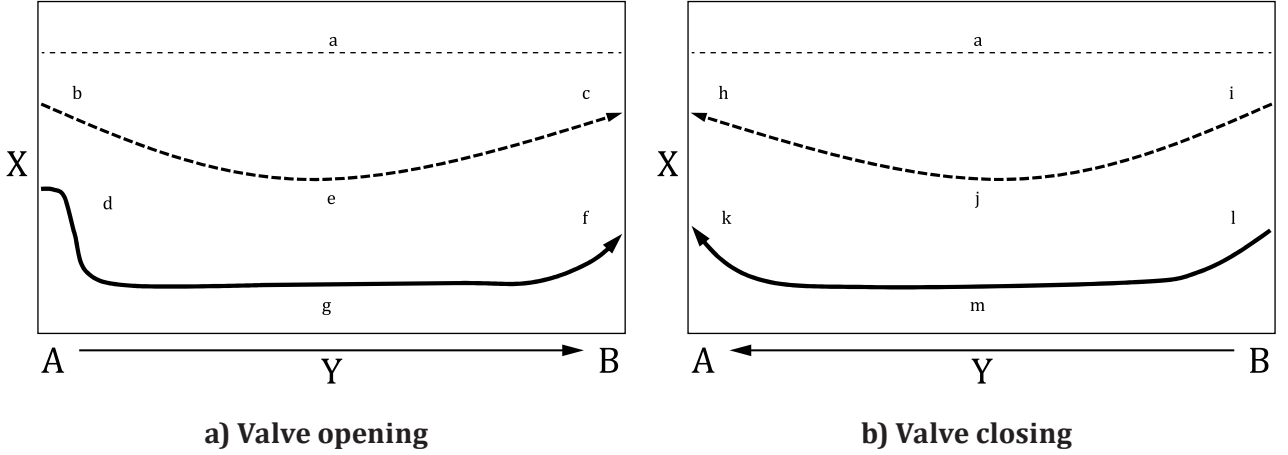
EXAMPLE VBTO is valve break to open, and ABTO is actuator break to open, with the exception for MAST where letters V and A are not used. See [Figure 1](#).

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Table 1 — Abbreviated terms

Abbreviated term	Term
BTO	break to open
RTO	run to open
ETO	end to open
BTC	break to close
RTC	run to close
ETC	end to close
MAST	maximum allowable stem torque



Key

- A closed
- B open
- Y valve position
- X torque
- valve
- actuator

- a Maximum allowable stem torque.
- b Break to open torque.
- c End to open torque.
- d Break to open torque.
- e Run to open torque.
- f End to open torque.
- g Run to open torque.
- h End to close torque.
- i Break to close torque.
- j Run to close torque.
- k End to close torque.
- l Break to close torque.
- m Run to close torque.

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NOTE [Figure 1](#) is an example. Actuator torque output and valve torque vary by type and design.

Figure 1 — Valve and actuator torque versus position

5 Responsibilities

5.1 General

Assignment of the responsibilities by role in the sizing, selection, assembling and construction of an automated valve shall be as defined in this clause. Each role can be performed by an independent entity or roles may be combined. For example, the actuator supplier could also be the mounting kit supplier and assembly contractor. Even when roles are combined, the responsibilities of this document shall be fulfilled.

Required information shall be provided by each defined role in the assembly sizing data sheet which shall be in accordance with [Annex A](#).

NOTE In [5.2](#) to [5.5](#), the numbers in parenthesis are the corresponding row number in the assembly sizing data sheet in [Annex A](#).

5.2 Purchaser

Following the processes described in this document, the purchaser receives the actuated valve assembly and required documentation. The purchaser of the automated part-turn valve assembly, or