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GAS FLOW THRU REGULATOR	File no.
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	GAS	
	ARGON	METHANE
%	A	CH ₄
	90	10
M lbm/lbmol	39.9	16
R ft-lbf/lbm-R	38.7	96.4
k	1.47	1.32
Cv	.074	.449
Cp	.124	.593

$$C_v = .2$$

$$P_H = 2000 \text{ psig}$$

$$P_L = 100 \text{ psig}$$

$$\frac{P_L}{P_H} = \frac{100 + 14.7}{2000 + 14.7}$$

$$= .0569$$

Total mass $m = m_1 + m_2$

$$= 90 + 10$$

$$= 100 \text{ lbm}$$

$$R_m = \frac{\sum \frac{m_i R_i}{m}}{\frac{m_1 R_1 + m_2 R_2}{m}}$$

$$= \frac{90 \times 38.7 + 10 \times 96.4}{100}$$

$$= 44.97 \frac{\text{ft-lbf}}{\text{lbm-R}}$$

$$k_m = \frac{\sum m_i C_{p_i}}{\sum m_i C_{v_i}}$$

$$= \frac{m_1 C_{p_1} + m_2 C_{p_2}}{m_1 C_{v_1} + m_2 C_{v_2}}$$

$$= \frac{90 \times .124 + 10 \times .593}{90 \times .074 + 10 \times .449}$$

$$= 1.533$$

$$M_m = \frac{\sum \frac{m_i}{M_i}}{\frac{m_1}{M_1} + \frac{m_2}{M_2}}$$

$$= \frac{90 + 10}{\frac{90}{39.9} + \frac{10}{16}}$$

$$\frac{P_c}{P_H} = \left(\frac{2}{k_m + 1} \right) \left(\frac{k_m}{k_m - 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{k_m - 1}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{1.533 + 1} \right) \left(\frac{1.533}{1.533 - 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{1.533 - 1}}$$

$$= .51 \quad (\text{CRITICAL PRESSURE RATIO})$$

$$\therefore \frac{P_L}{P_H} < \frac{P_c}{P_H} \quad (\text{SONIC FLOW})$$

USING $A = \frac{6413.248}{\sqrt{M_m}} \sqrt{k_m} \left(\frac{2}{k_m + 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{k_m + 1}} \left[\left(\frac{k_m}{k_m - 1} \right)^{-\frac{1}{k_m - 1}} - 1 \right]$

$$= \frac{6413.248}{\sqrt{34.72}} \sqrt{1.533} \left(\frac{2}{1.533 + 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{1.533 + 1}} \left[\left(\frac{1.533}{1.533 - 1} \right)^{-\frac{1}{1.533 - 1}} - 1 \right]$$

$$= 768.7$$

$$Q = \frac{A C_v P}{\sqrt{T}}$$

$$= \frac{768.7 \times .2 \times 2014.7}{\sqrt{530}}$$

$$= 13454 \text{ JCFH}$$

$$Q = 224 \text{ SCFM}$$

For $C_v = 0.5$, the flow is $0.5 \times 7612 = 3806$ scfh. Since it is a regulator, we use $0.8 \times 3806 = 3045$ scfh as the rated flow capacity of the second stage seat. The flow capacity of the regulator then is the smaller of the three calculated values, or 1786 scfh under those conditions.

A3 Isentropic flow through orifices—flow equations

NOTE—These equations assume ideal gases and constant specific heat ratios C_p / C_v .

C_v = flow coefficient

Q = flow in cfh @ 1 atm and 70 °F (scfh)

P_1 = inlet pressure (psia)

P_2 = outlet pressure (psia)

T_1 = inlet gas temperature in °R = °F + 460

M = Molecular weight of gas

K = Specific heat ratio of gas = C_p / C_v

P_c / P_1 = Critical pressure ratio of gas = $(2/(k+1))^{(k/(k-1))}$

A3.1 Sonic flow equations (apply if $P_2 / P_1 \leq P_c / P_1$)

For calculating C_v :
$$C_v = \frac{Q\sqrt{T_1}}{AP_1}$$

For calculating flow:
$$Q = \frac{AC_v P_1}{\sqrt{T_1}}$$

Constant $A = \frac{6413.248}{\sqrt{M}} \sqrt{k} \left(\frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{\left(\frac{k}{k-1} \right)^{0.5}}$

A3.2 Subsonic flow equations (apply if $P_2 / P_1 > P_c / P_1$)

For calculating C_v :
$$C_v = \frac{Q\sqrt{T_1}}{B\sqrt{1-(P_2/P_1)^{\frac{(k-1)}{k}}} \left(P_1^{\frac{(k-1)}{k}} \right) \left(P_2^{\frac{1}{k}} \right)}$$

For calculating flow:
$$Q = \frac{BC_v \sqrt{1-(P_2/P_1)^{\frac{(k-1)}{k}}} \left(P_1^{\frac{(k-1)}{k}} \right) \left(P_2^{\frac{1}{k}} \right)}{\sqrt{T_1}}$$

Constant $B = \frac{9069.702}{\sqrt{M}} \sqrt{\frac{k}{k-1}}$