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# Instruction Manual

**Direct-acting Pressure Reducing Valve  
for Air**

**A-DR20-2/A-DR20-6/A-DR20-10**

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## Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the **TLV** A-DR20 Direct-acting Pressure Reducing Valve for Air.

This product has been thoroughly inspected before being shipped from the factory. When the product is delivered, before doing anything else, check the specifications and external appearance to make sure nothing is out of the ordinary. Also be sure to read this manual carefully before use and follow the instructions to be sure of using the product properly.

The **TLV** A-DR20 is a direct-acting pressure reducing valve for air which adopts a soft seat design on the main valve and minimizes the lockup pressure\*. It also provides a more stable secondary pressure than conventional direct-acting reducing valves. The A-DR20 is designed for a long service life, and is made of stainless steel for superior durability.

For products with special order specifications or options, if detailed instructions for the special order specifications or options are not contained in this manual, please contact **TLV** for full details.

This instruction manual is intended for use with the model(s) listed on the front cover. It is necessary not only for installation but for subsequent maintenance, disassembly/reassembly and troubleshooting. Please keep it in a safe place for future reference.

\*Lockup pressure: The increase in set pressure that occurs after air-using equipment is shut down by closing the inlet valve to the equipment


## Safety Considerations

- Read this section carefully before use and be sure to follow the instructions.
- Installation, inspection, maintenance, repairs, disassembly, adjustment and valve opening/closing should be carried out only by trained maintenance personnel.
- The precautions listed in this manual are designed to ensure safety and prevent equipment damage and personal injury. For situations that may occur as a result of erroneous handling, three different types of cautionary items are used to indicate the degree of urgency and the scale of potential damage and danger: DANGER, WARNING and CAUTION.
- The three types of cautionary items above are very important for safety: be sure to observe all of them as they relate to installation, use, maintenance, and repair. Furthermore, TLV accepts no responsibility for any accidents or damage occurring as a result of failure to observe these precautions.

### Symbols

	<b>Indicates a DANGER, WARNING or CAUTION item.</b>
	Indicates an urgent situation which poses a threat of death or serious injury
	Indicates that there is a potential threat of death or serious injury
	Indicates that there is a possibility of injury or equipment / product damage
	<p><b>Install properly and DO NOT use this product outside the recommended operating pressure, temperature and other specification ranges.</b> Improper use may result in such hazards as damage to the product or malfunctions that may lead to serious accidents. Local regulations may restrict the use of this product to below the conditions quoted.</p> <p><b>Take measures to prevent people from coming into direct contact with product outlets.</b> Failure to do so may result in burns or other injury from the discharge of fluids.</p> <p><b>When disassembling or removing the product, wait until the internal pressure equals atmospheric pressure and the surface of the product has cooled to room temperature.</b> Disassembling or removing the product when it is hot or under pressure may lead to discharge of fluids, causing burns, other injuries or damage.</p> <p><b>Be sure to use only the recommended components when repairing the product, and NEVER attempt to modify the product in any way.</b> Failure to observe these precautions may result in damage to the product and burns or other injury due to malfunction or the discharge of fluids.</p>

Safety considerations continued on next page.

 <b>CAUTION</b>	<b>Do not use excessive force when connecting threaded pipes to the product.</b>
	Over-tightening may cause breakage leading to fluid discharge, which may cause burns or other injury.
	<b>Use only under conditions in which no freeze-up will occur.</b>
	Freezing may damage the product, leading to fluid discharge, which may cause burns or other injury.
	<b>Use only under conditions in which no water hammer will occur.</b>
	The impact of water hammer may damage the product, leading to fluid discharge, which may cause burns or other injury.

## Specifications

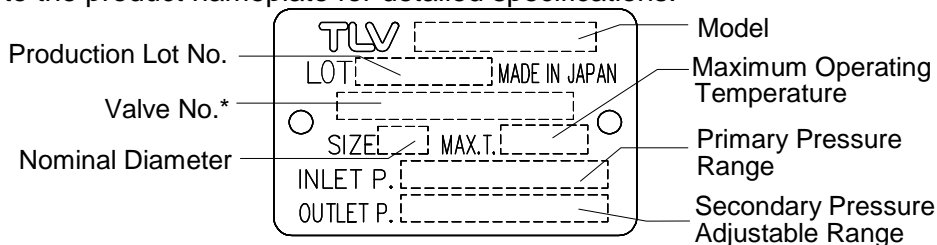


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Refer to the product nameplate for detailed specifications.



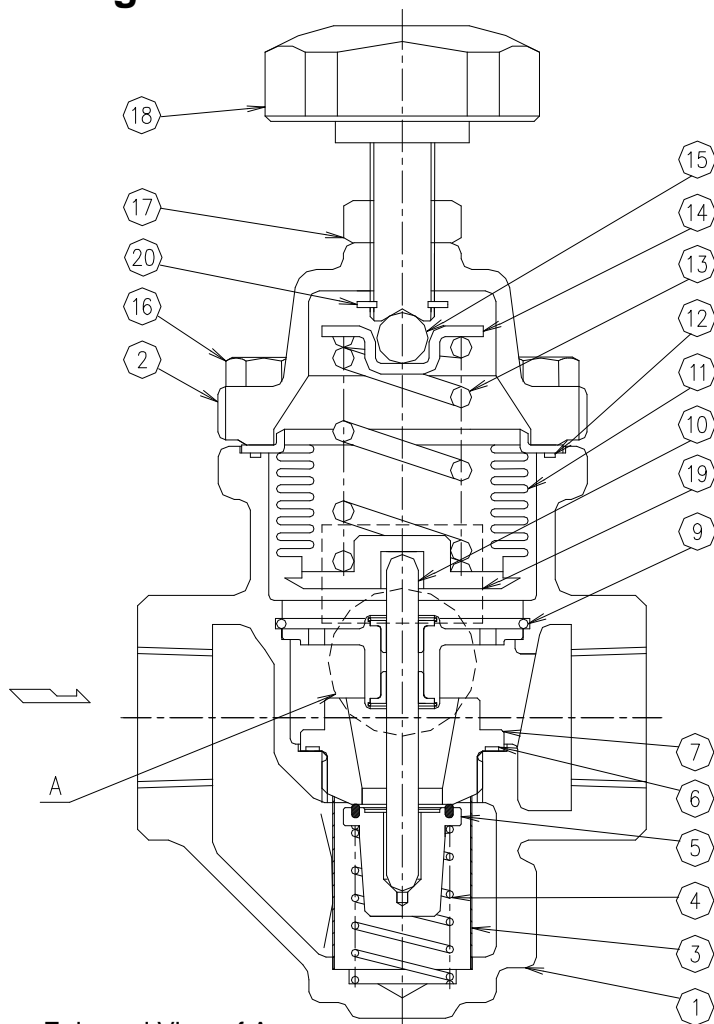
\* Valve No. is displayed for products with options. This item is omitted from the nameplate when there are no options.

## Acceptable Operating Range

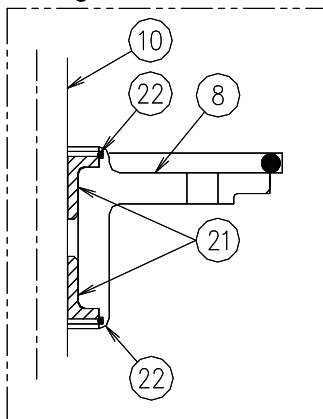
Model	A-DR20-2	A-DR20-6	A-DR20-10
Primary Pressure Range	0.2 – 1.0 MPaG (30 – 150 psig)		0.6 – 1.0 MPaG (85 – 150 psig)
Pressure Adjustable Range	0.014 – 0.2 MPaG (2 – 30 psig) (but limited to $\frac{1}{30}$ of primary pressure)	0.18 - 0.6 MPaG (27 – 85 psig)	0.54 – 0.9 MPaG (76 – 125 psig)
	No more than a maximum of 90% of the primary pressure		
Maximum Operating Temperature	100 °C (212 °F)		

(1MPa = 10.197 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>)

# Configuration



Enlarged View of A



No.	Name	A* <sup>1</sup>	B* <sup>1</sup>	C* <sup>1</sup>	D* <sup>1</sup>
1	Body				
2	Cover				
3	Screen			✓	
4	Coil Spring			✓	
5	Main Valve* <sup>2</sup>			✓	
6	Valve Seat Gasket	✓		✓	
7	Valve Seat			✓	
8	Spacer* <sup>4</sup>		✓		
9	Snap Ring				
10	Valve Stem		✓		
11	Bellows				✓
12	Cover Gasket	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Coil Spring				
14	Spring Guide				
15	Steel Ball				
16	Cover Bolt				
17	Locknut				
18	Adjustment Handle				
19	Nameplate				
20	Retaining Ring				
21	Slide Bearing* <sup>3</sup> * <sup>4</sup>			✓	
22	Snap Ring* <sup>3</sup> * <sup>4</sup>			✓	

\*<sup>1</sup>Replacement parts are available only in the following kits:

- A: Maintenance Kit
- B: Repair Kit for Spacer
- C: Repair Kit for Main Valve
- D: Repair Kit for Bellows

\*<sup>2</sup>Rubber (standard: fluorine rubber) is used in the seating area. The rubber is inlaid in the main valve.

\*<sup>3</sup>Number of parts: 2 pieces

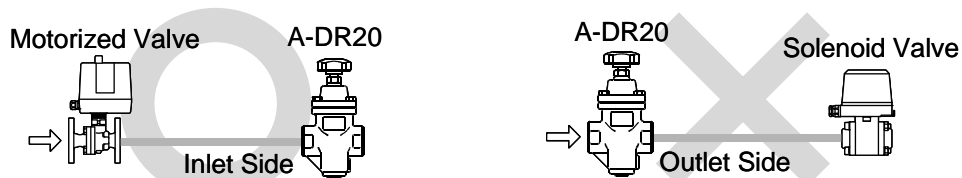
\*<sup>4</sup>Shipped as a unit

## Correct Usage of the A-DR20 Direct-acting Pressure Reducing Valve



Install properly and DO NOT use this product outside the recommended operating pressure, temperature and other specification ranges. Improper use may result in such hazards as damage to the product or malfunctions which may lead to serious accidents. Local regulations may restrict the use of this product to below the conditions quoted.

1. The A-DR20 should be operated only within its specifications.
2. Installing an ON / OFF Valve (Solenoid Valve or Motorized Valve)

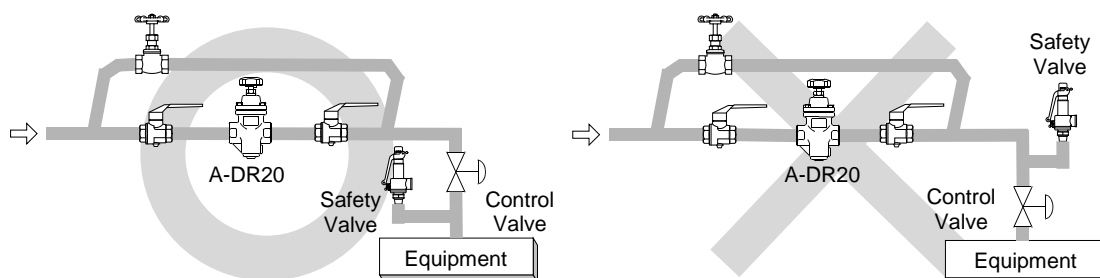


If an on-off valve is required to stop supply of air to the air-using equipment, install it at the inlet side of the A-DR20.

If a solenoid valve is installed at the outlet of the A-DR20, it will cause heavy chattering and may lead to damage of the A-DR20. (When the on-off valve opens, the secondary pressure of the A-DR20 changes from zero to the set pressure. Passing through an area of the reducing ratio of less than 30:1 where adjustment is impossible, chattering occurs momentarily.) To save energy, install the on-off valve as near to the boiler, or compressor, as possible.

NOTE: To prevent water hammer, it is recommended that a slow-acting motorized on-off valve be used. If a fast-acting solenoid valve is used, the potential water hammer effect can damage the air-using equipment and the pressure reducing valve.

3. Installing a Control and/or Safety Valve



A control valve (i.e. for temperature control) installed between the A-DR20 and the air-using equipment (downstream of the A-DR20) may raise the pressure between the A-DR20 and the control valve when the control valve is closed, depending on the spatial relationship. Therefore, this valve should be installed close to the air-using equipment, as illustrated. Also, a safety valve should be installed downstream of the control valve.

NOTE: When installing a safety valve to protect air-using equipment, be sure to install it on, or directly before the inlet, of the air-using equipment. If the safety valve is installed between the A-DR20 and a control valve, an eventual pressure rise could activate the safety valve.

4. Precautions for the Installation of Additional Fittings Before or After the A-DR20  
 In order to ensure a stable flow of air, the piping upstream and downstream of the A-DR20 must be straight runs. If the A-DR20 is installed either directly before or after an elbow or control valve, unevenness in flow may result in chattering and unstable pressure.

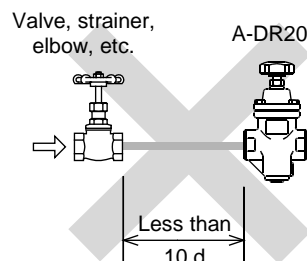
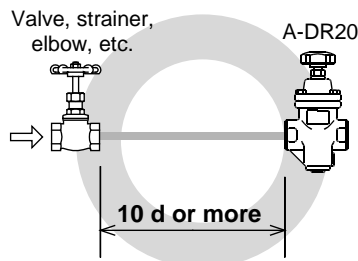
To ensure a stable air flow, it is recommended that the A-DR20 be installed on straight runs of piping, as illustrated below.

① Inlet (primary side) of the A-DR20

NOTE:  $d$  = pipe diameter

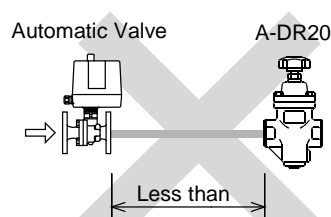
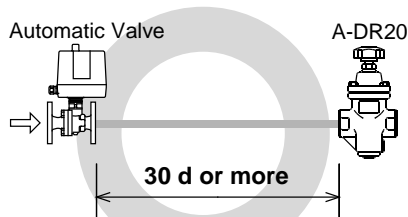
Maintain a straight piping run of **10 d or more** when a manual valve, a strainer or an elbow, etc. is installed.

(Example: if nominal size is 25 mm (1 in), have 250 mm (10 in) or more)



Maintain a straight piping run of **30 d or more** when an automated valve (on-off valve) is installed.

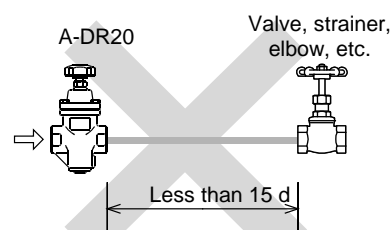
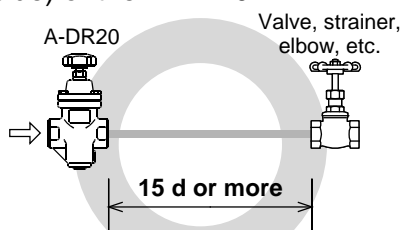
(Example: if nominal size is 25 mm (1 in), have 750 mm (30 in) or more)



② Outlet (secondary side) of the A-DR20

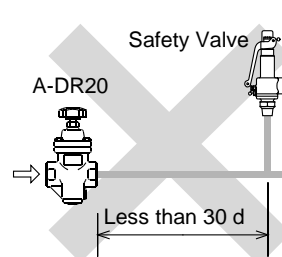
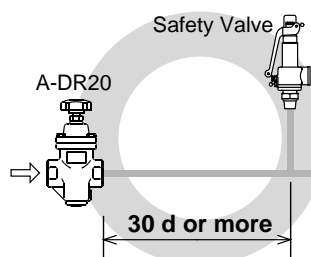
Maintain a straight piping run of **15 d or more** when a manual valve, a strainer or an elbow, etc. is installed.

(Example: if nominal size is 25 mm (1 in), have 375 mm (15 in) or more)



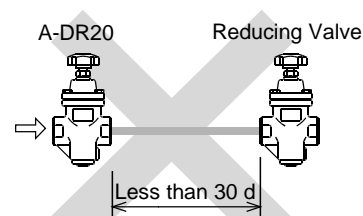
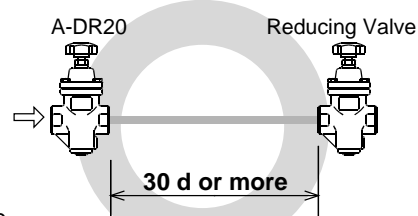
Maintain a straight piping run of **30 d or more** when a safety valve is installed.

(Example: if nominal size is 25 mm (1 in), have 750 mm (30 in) or more)



Maintain a straight piping run of **30 d or more** when another pressure reducing valve is installed. (Two-stage pressure reduction)

(Example: if nominal size is 25 mm (1 in), have 750 mm (30 in) or more)





## Installation



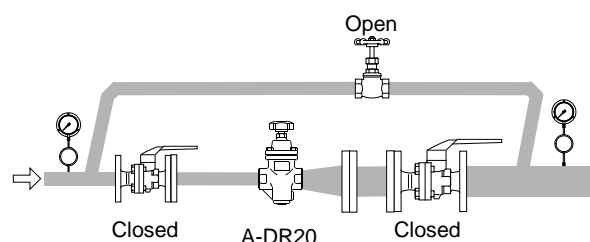
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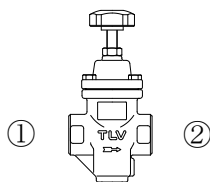
### 1. Blowdown



Blowdown Using a Bypass Line

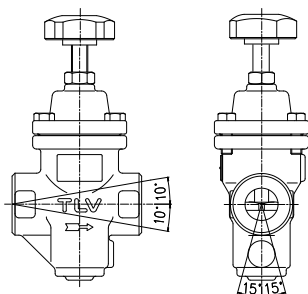
Before installing the A-DR20 unit, be sure to blow down all piping thoroughly. If this is not possible, perform a blowdown using the bypass valve. Blowdown is especially important for newly installed piping or after the system has been shut down for a long period of time.

### 2. Removing the Protective Caps



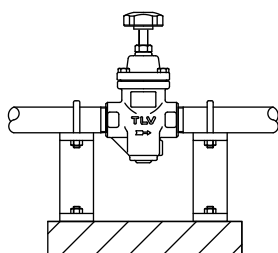
Before installation, be sure to remove all protective seals and caps. (Found in 2 locations; on the product inlet and outlet.)

### 3. Installation Angle

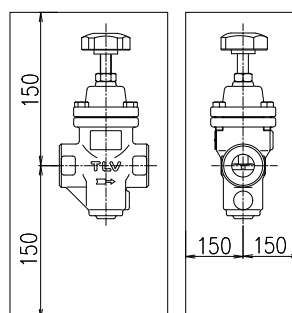


Make sure the A-DR20 is installed on horizontal piping with the adjustment handle facing up. Ensure the raised TLV lettering on the body is horizontal and the arrow is pointing in the direction of flow. The allowable inclination of the A-DR20 is 10° front-to-back and 15° horizontally.

### 4. Piping Support / Maintenance Space

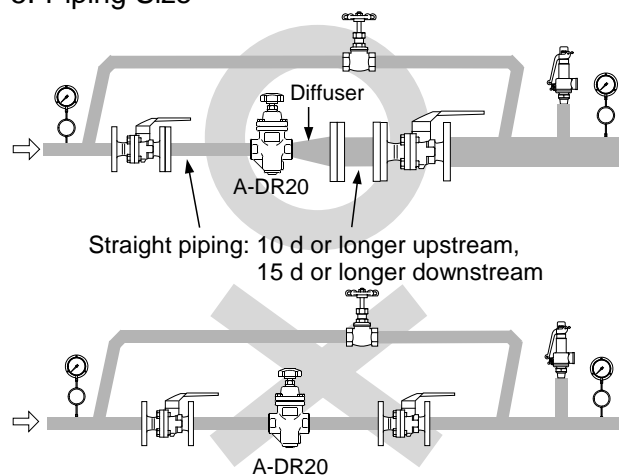


Install the A-DR20, paying attention to avoid excessive load, bending and vibration. Supporting the inlet and outlet pipes securely.



Leave sufficient space for maintenance, inspection and repair. (150 mm (6 in))

## 5. Piping Size

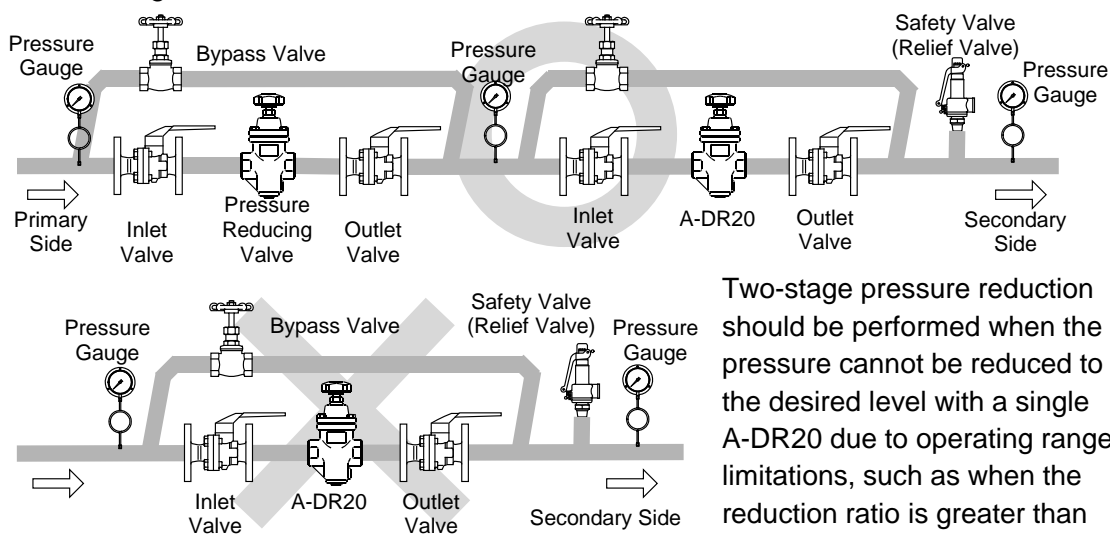


If it is expected that the secondary air flow velocity will be more than 30m/s (100 ft/s), install a diffuser in order to keep the flow velocity below 30m/s (100 ft/s).

If the distance between the A-DR20 and the air-using equipment is great, a possible drop in pressure should be taken into consideration when selecting the piping size.

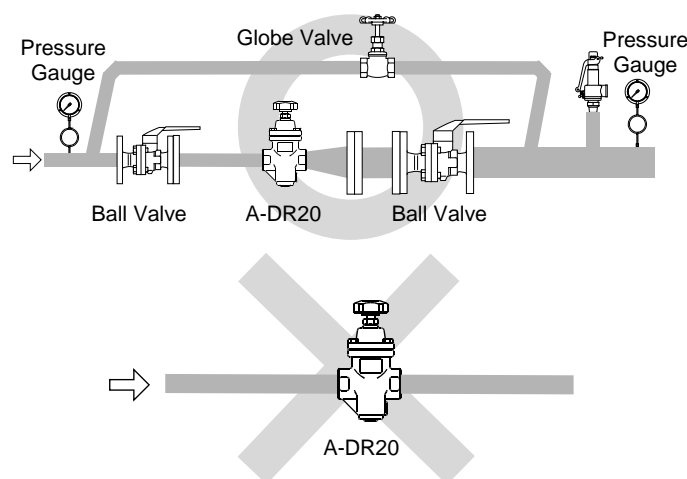
If installing a strainer, horizontal installation is recommended in order to prevent pooling of condensate.

## 6. Two-stage Pressure Reduction



Two-stage pressure reduction should be performed when the pressure cannot be reduced to the desired level with a single A-DR20 due to operating range limitations, such as when the reduction ratio is greater than 30:1.

## 7. Accessories



Always install a shut-off valve, pressure gauge and bypass line at both inlet and outlet. Ball valves, which will not retain condensate, are recommended for inlet and outlet shut-off valves. The bypass pipe should be at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the size of the inlet (primary) pipe.

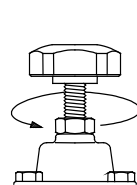
## Adjustment

To avoid problems such as water hammer and to protect air-using equipment, the A-DR20 reducing valve should be properly adjusted.

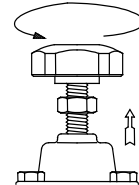
1. It is necessary to blow down all pipe lines thoroughly.

The blowdown is especially important if the line is new or has been shut down for a long period of time. Take particular care to ensure that matter such as condensate and dirt does not remain inside the air-using equipment. (Stay clear of any pressurized blow-out from the safety valve.)

2. Make sure that the shut-off and bypass valves located upstream and downstream of the A-DR20 are completely closed.
3. Loosen the locknut, then turn the adjustment handle counterclockwise to free the coil spring.
4. Slowly, fully open the shut-off valve at the inlet of the A-DR20.



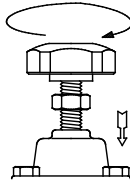
Loosen the Locknut



Fully Raise the Adjustment Handle

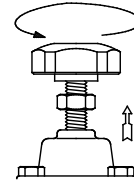
5. Slightly open the shut-off valve at the outlet of the A-DR20.
6. Turn the adjustment handle clockwise until the desired outlet pressure is obtained. Wait several minutes.

Clockwise



Increase Pressure

Counterclockwise



Decrease Pressure

7. Slowly, fully open the shut-off valve at the outlet of the A-DR20.
8. After setting, retighten the locknut.
9. When shutting down the system, always close the outlet shut-off valve first and then the inlet valve.

## Maintenance



**CAUTION**

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Be sure to use only the recommended components when repairing the product, and NEVER attempt to modify the product in any way. Failure to observe these precautions may result in damage to the product or burns or other injury due to malfunction or the discharge of fluids.

## Operational Check

To ensure a long service life for the A-DR20, the following inspection and maintenance should be performed regularly.

Part	Inspection and Maintenance Frequency
Screen	Disassemble and clean annually. If there is substantial blockage, install a strainer (approximately 60 mesh) ahead of A-DR20.
Main Valve, Valve Seat	If there is chattering or dirt, premature wear may result.
Valve Stem, Spacer (Slide Bearing)	If hunting or chattering takes place, premature wear may result.
Bellows	If hunting or chattering takes place, cracks or fatigue may develop in a short period of time.

## Disassembly



When disassembling or removing the product, wait until the internal pressure equals atmospheric pressure and the surface of the product has cooled to room temperature. Disassembling or removing the product when it is hot or under pressure may lead to discharge of fluids, causing burns, other injuries or damage.

It is a recommended practice to dismantle and inspect the A-DR20 once a year for preventive maintenance purposes. It is especially important to perform an inspection immediately after the initial run of a new line or before or after equipment is taken out of service for a long period of time.

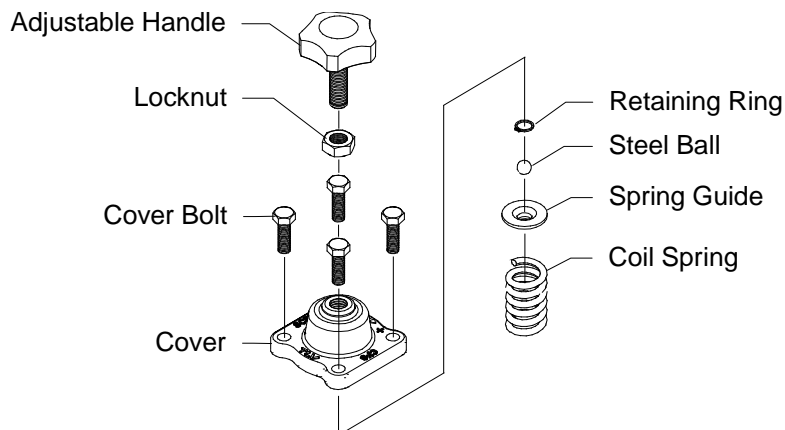
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Remove all pressurized air from the piping (both upstream and downstream). Remove the A-DR20 from the piping, and secure it in a vise to perform disassembly and inspection.

### Dismantling the Adjusting Section

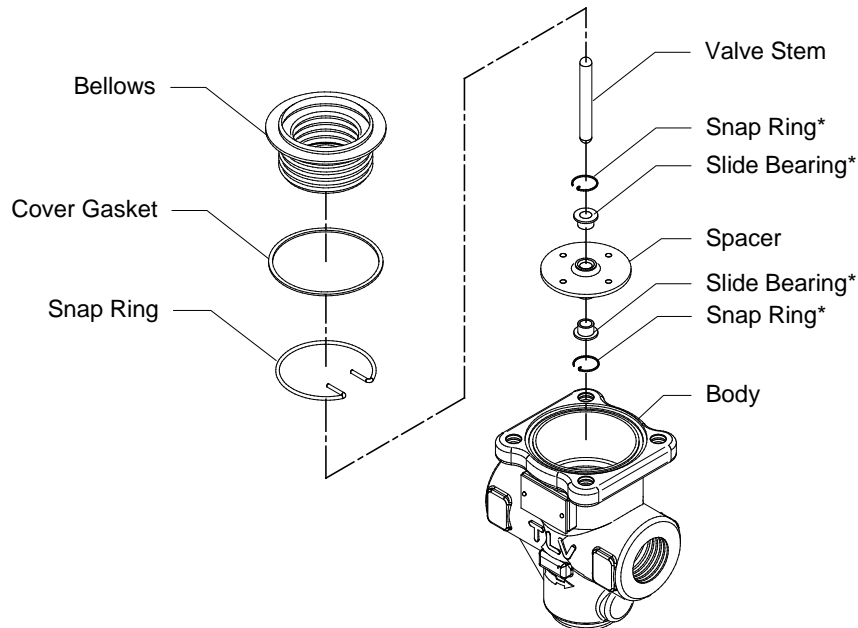
Loosen the adjustment handle completely and remove the cover bolts. After removing the cover, you will see the steel ball, the spring retainer and the coil spring.

⇒ Check for seizure or any damaged screw threads.



### Dismantling the Bellows Section

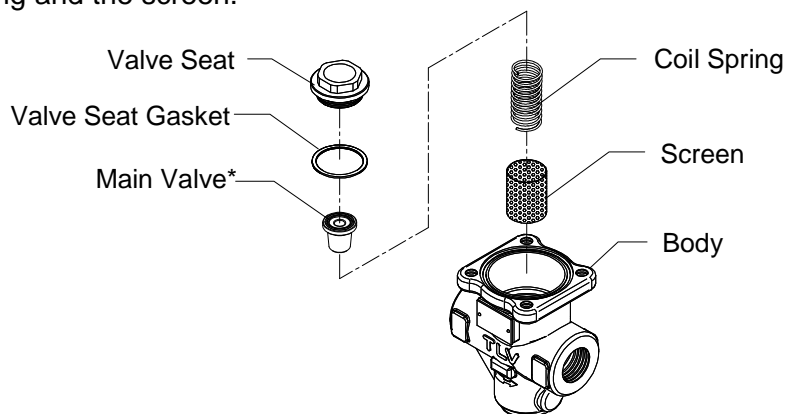
Remove the bellows from the body, then the valve stem. Pinch the straight sections of the snap ring that is holding the spacer together using a tool such as needle-nose pliers and remove the snap ring. Remove the spacer.



\*Cannot be removed individually as it is incorporated with the spacer and must be replaced as a set with the spacer

### Dismantling the Valve Section

Loosen the valve seat with a wrench and remove it from the body. The coil spring is exerting an upward pressure on the bottom of the valve seat, so be careful that the valve seat is not thrown out. After removing the valve seat, remove the main valve, the coil spring and the screen.



\*The rubber is inlaid in the main valve and cannot be removed. The main valve itself must be replaced.

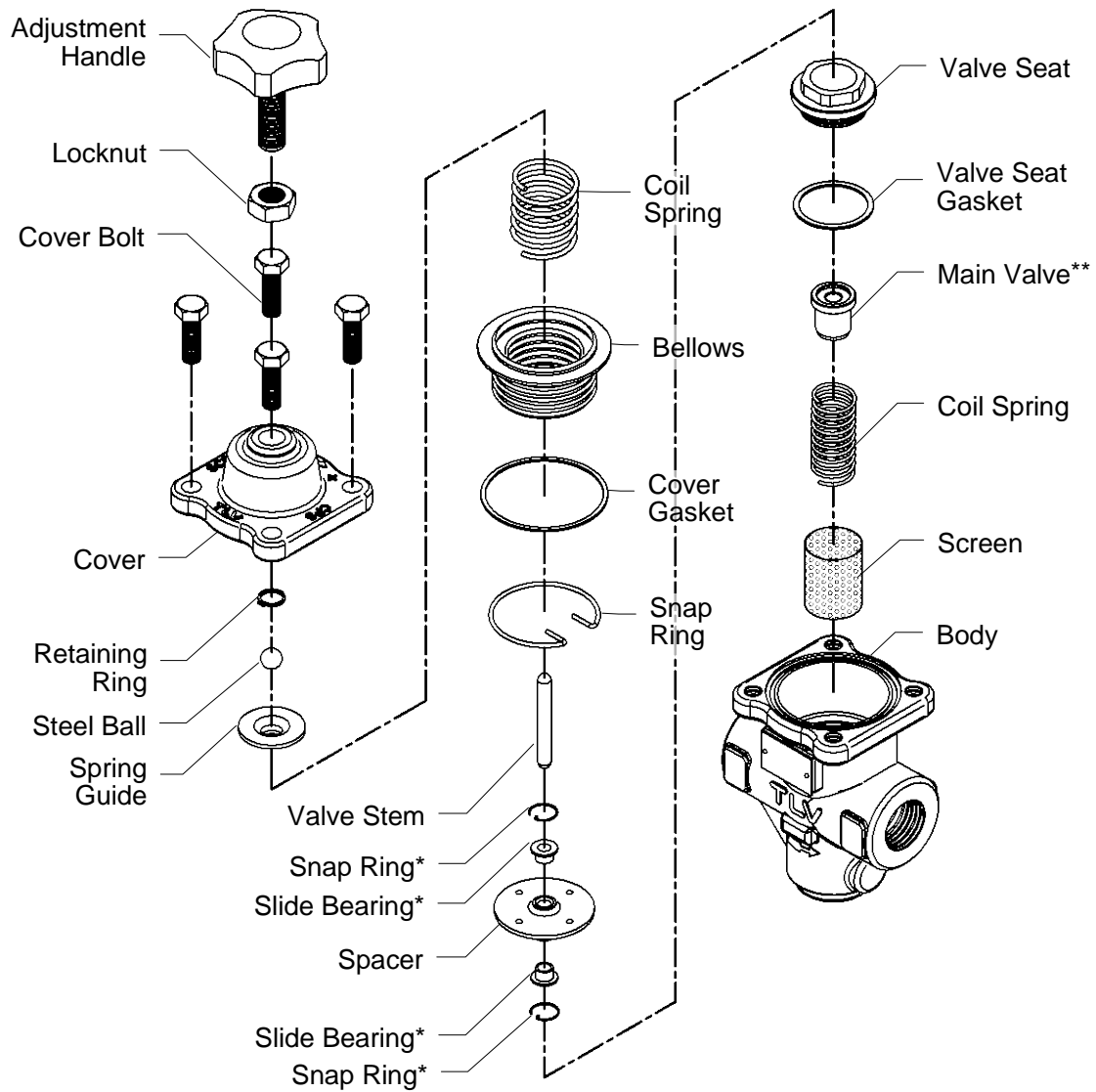
### Cleaning

After inspection and removal of any abnormality, clean and reassemble the parts. The following parts will require cleaning before reassembly:

Threads of the adjustment handle, threads of the cover, bellows, valve stem, main valve, valve seat, spacer (including slide bearing), screen.

It is permissible to clean using water. However, cleaning with a mild detergent is recommended for more effective cleaning.

**Exploded View**



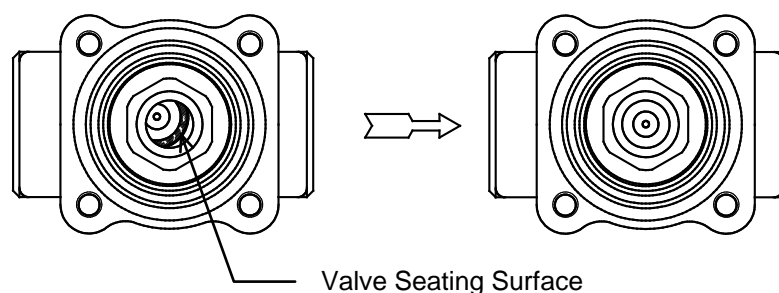
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## Reassembly

Assemble the unit using the same procedure as used for disassembling it; but in reverse order. Observe the following precautions:

1. The PTFE gaskets may be re-used if free from fault, crushing or deformation.
2. Apply anti-seize to the steel ball and threaded portions of screws, bolts and the adjustment handle. Apply a small amount of anti-seize agent to the threads of the valve seat carefully to ensure it does not come into contact with other parts.
3. Fasten the bolts one at a time in a diagonal pattern alternately to provide uniform seating.
4. After assembly, make sure that the valve stem operates smoothly without binding.



As shown in the figures above, when the main valve is tightened it may become off-centered on the valve seat. If this occurs, move the main valve back to center.

5. Standard torque for fastening the respective screws and the width across flats of the tools to be used are as follows:

Part	Torque		Distance Across Flats	
	N·m	(lbf·ft)	mm	(in)
Cover Bolt	25	(19)	13	( $\frac{1}{2}$ )
Valve Seat	70	(51)	27	( $1\frac{1}{16}$ )

(1 N·m  $\approx$  10 kg·cm)

NOTE: -If drawings or other special documentation were supplied for the product, any torque given there takes precedence over values shown here.

## Troubleshooting



When disassembling or removing the product, wait until the internal pressure equals atmospheric pressure and the surface of the product has cooled to room temperature. Disassembling or removing the product when it is hot or under pressure may lead to discharge of fluids, causing burns, other injuries or damage.

This product is shipped after stringent checks and inspection, and should perform its intended function for a long period of time without failure. However, should there be any problem encountered in the operation of the A-DR20, consult the troubleshooting guide below. Problems are classified as follows:

1. The secondary pressure does not increase
2. The secondary pressure cannot be adjusted or increases abnormally  
The secondary pressure increases abnormally
3. Hunting (fluctuation of the secondary pressure) occurs
4. Chattering (a heavy mechanical noise) occurs
5. Abnormal noises

Major causes for the above problems are usage under non-specified conditions (out of specification), insufficient pressure or flow rate, and clogs by dirt and scale. To ensure performance for a long period of time, it is recommended that the "Acceptable Operating Range", "Correct Usage of the A-DR20 Direct-acting Pressure Reducing Valve" and "Adjustment" sections be reviewed.

Problem	Symptom	Cause	Remedy
The secondary pressure does not rise	Pressure does not increase	No air is being supplied	Check the primary/secondary piping and valves of the unit
		The valve at the primary side is closed	
		The entrance to the screens or strainer is clogged	Clean or blow down
		Flow rate exceeds specifications	Check the flow rate; check the model selection, replace with a more suitable unit if necessary
		It exceeds the adjustable pressure range	Check the model selection, replace with a more suitable unit if necessary
The secondary pressure cannot be adjusted or increases abnormally	Adjustment is difficult and set pressure varies	The flow rate is too low	Check the flow rate; check the model selection, replace with a unit that has a smaller nominal diameter or a more suitable unit if necessary
		Pressure fluctuation at the primary side is large	Check the primary pressure; check the model selection, replace with a more suitable unit if necessary
		Buildup on the valve stem prevents smooth movement through the spacer	Clean and inspect the valve stem and spacer
		Flow rate fluctuation is too large	Check the flow rate, re-set the pressure; check the model selection, replace with a more suitable unit if necessary

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<b>Problem</b>	<b>Symptom</b>	<b>Cause</b>	<b>Remedy</b>
The secondary pressure cannot be adjusted or increases abnormally	Adjustment is difficult and set pressure varies	The adjustment handle has seized	Replace with a new adjustment handle
		The holes in the spacer are clogged	Clean
		The slide bearing is distorted or damaged	Replace with a new spacer (when replacing the slide bearing or snap ring, these parts need to be replaced as a set with the spacer)
		The bellows is distorted or damaged	Replace with a new bellows
		The selected model is inappropriate for the service conditions (specifications)	Check the model selection, replace with a more suitable unit if necessary
	Upon closing the valves at the secondary side, the secondary pressure abruptly rises as high as the primary pressure	The bypass valve is leaking	Check, clean, and replace with a new valve if necessary
		There is a build-up of dirt on or damage to the main valve or the valve seat	Clean and align
Hunting or chattering occurs	Occurs at low air demand	The flow rate is too low	Check the flow rate; check the model selection, replace with a unit that has smaller nominal diameter or a more suitable unit if necessary
	Hunting never stops	There is too high a reduction ratio	Use two-stage reduction
		The selected model is inappropriate for the service conditions (specifications)	Check the model selection, replace with a more suitable unit if necessary
	Chattering never stops	Condensate is entrained	Install a steam trap; check the piping
		The selected model is inappropriate for the service conditions (specifications)	Check the model selection, replace with a more suitable unit if necessary
Abnormal noises	Makes a high-pitched noise	The required pressure reduction exceeds specifications	Use two-stage reduction
		Flow rate exceeds specifications	Check the flow rate; check the model selection, replace with a unit that has a larger nominal diameter or a more suitable unit if necessary
		A valve installed close to the reducing valve opens/closes too quickly	Install the valve at as great a distance away as possible

NOTE: When replacing parts with new, use the parts list for reference and replace with parts from the Maintenance Kit, Repair Kit, etc. (Please note that replacement parts are only available in pre-packaged kits.)

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