Swagelok

LD8 Series Diaphragm Valves Service Instructions



This document contains service instructions for all LD8 series valves.

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Tool Requirements

- 3/32 in. hex wrench
- 3/16 in. open-end wrench
- 1/2 in. open-end wrench
- 1/2 in. crowfoot wrench
- 1 1/2 in. open-end wrench
- 1 1/2 in. hex socket

Torque wrench

Capable of applying up to 550 in. 1b (62.2 N \cdot m) (634 cm \cdot kg) of torque







To open the valve, turn the handle *counterclockwise* two and one half turns.



To close the valve, turn the handle *clockwise* two and one half turns.

Installation-Welding

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Notice: All welding should be done by qualified personnel.

Notice: Disassembly of valve is not required for in-line welding if the steps listed below are followed. If valve disassembly is necessary, cover sealing surfaces to protect them from nicks and weld spatter.

- 1. If not using the Swagelok Welding System, use a heat sink to prevent excessive heating of internal components.
- 2. Actuate the valve to the OPEN position.
- 3. Connect purge gas so that flow exits out of the valve port being welded to keep the internal components cool.

Notice: Use a high-purity purge gas to maintain cleanliness and reduce welding discoloration.

- 4. Perform the welding procedure.
- 5. With the valve in the open position, continue to purge the valve and system of contamination.
- 6. Test the valve for leaktight integrity. See **Testing** section.



Testing

- 1. With the valve in the OPEN position, verify that flow passes through the valve.
- 2. With the valve in the CLOSED position, verify that *no* flow passes through the valve.
- 3. Leak test the diaphragm seal.
- 4. Leak test the seat seal.

Kit Contents

Diaphragm/Stem Subassembly Kit

- Diaphragm/stem subassembly
- Gasket
- Instructions

Gasket Kit

- Gasket
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Replacing the Diaphragm/Stem Subassembly and the Gasket

Warning

Before servicing any installed valve, you must

- depressurize system
- cycle the valve
- purge the valve

Disassembly

- 1. Turn the **handle** *counterclockwise* until the valve is fully OPEN. Then turn the **handle** *clockwise* 1/8 of a turn.
- 2. Loosen the handle set screw.
- 3. Remove the handle.
- 4. Unscrew and remove the **bonnet nut**.
- 5. Remove the thrust washer
- 6. Unscrew and remove the left-hand threaded actuator.
- 7. Remove the **spring washer** and **stem assembly** including the **bonnet.**
- 8. Unscrew the **upper stem** and **clamp ring** from the subassembly.
- 9. Discard the diaphragm/stem subassembly.
- 10. Remove and discard the gasket.

Reassembly

- 1. Clean the **body surfaces** where the gasket will sit.
- 2. Place a new gasket into the body.
- 3. Place the **clamp ring**, curved side DOWN, on top of the *new* **diaphragm/stem subassembly**. The **clamp ring** should not touch the weld.
- 4. Thread the **upper stem** through the clamp ring and into the diaphragm/stem subassembly. Align the **locating diameter** on **upper stem** with the **inside diameter** of the **clamp ring**.
- Tighten the upper stem to 15 in. · lb (1.7 N · m) (17 cm · kg).
- 6. Place the **bonnet** over the **upper stem**, aligning the **hex flats**.
- 7. Place the stem assembly into the body.
- 8. Place the **spring washer** on top of the bonnet.
- 9. Apply a **molybdenum disulfide-based lubricant** to the **internal threads** of the actuator.
- 10. Thread the **left-hand threaded actuator** onto the upper stem until it slightly compresses the spring washer.
- 11. Place the **thrust washer**, dark side UP, onto the shoulder of the actuator.



- Thread the **bonnet nut** into the body and tighten to 550 in. · lb (62.2 N · m) (634 cm · kg).
- 13. Place the **handle** on the actuator, aligning the flats on both parts.
- 14. Rotate the **handle** to the CLOSED position. (Handle button should be *flush* with the top of the handle.)
- 15. Tighten the handle set screw.
- 16. Test the **valve** for proper operation. See **Testing** section, page 2.

Replacing the Gasket

Refer to the exploded view on page 3.

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- 3. Remove the handle.
- 4. Unscrew and remove the **bonnet nut**.
- 5. Remove the thrust washer
- 6. Unscrew and remove the left-hand threaded actuator.
- 7. Remove the **spring washer** and **stem assembly** including the **bonnet**.
- 8. Remove and discard the gasket.

Reassembly

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A WARNING

Do not mix/interchange Swagelok products or components not governed by industrial design standards, including Swagelok tube fitting end connections, with those of other manufacturers.

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