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Handwheel Operated Offline Residual Pressure Valve (RPV)  
with Non-Return Valve (NRV) Function

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Detailed Series Catalogue



BOWN-12/O – Oxygen & Hydrogen  
BOWN-12/N – Inerts & Argon + CO<sub>2</sub> Gas Mixtures



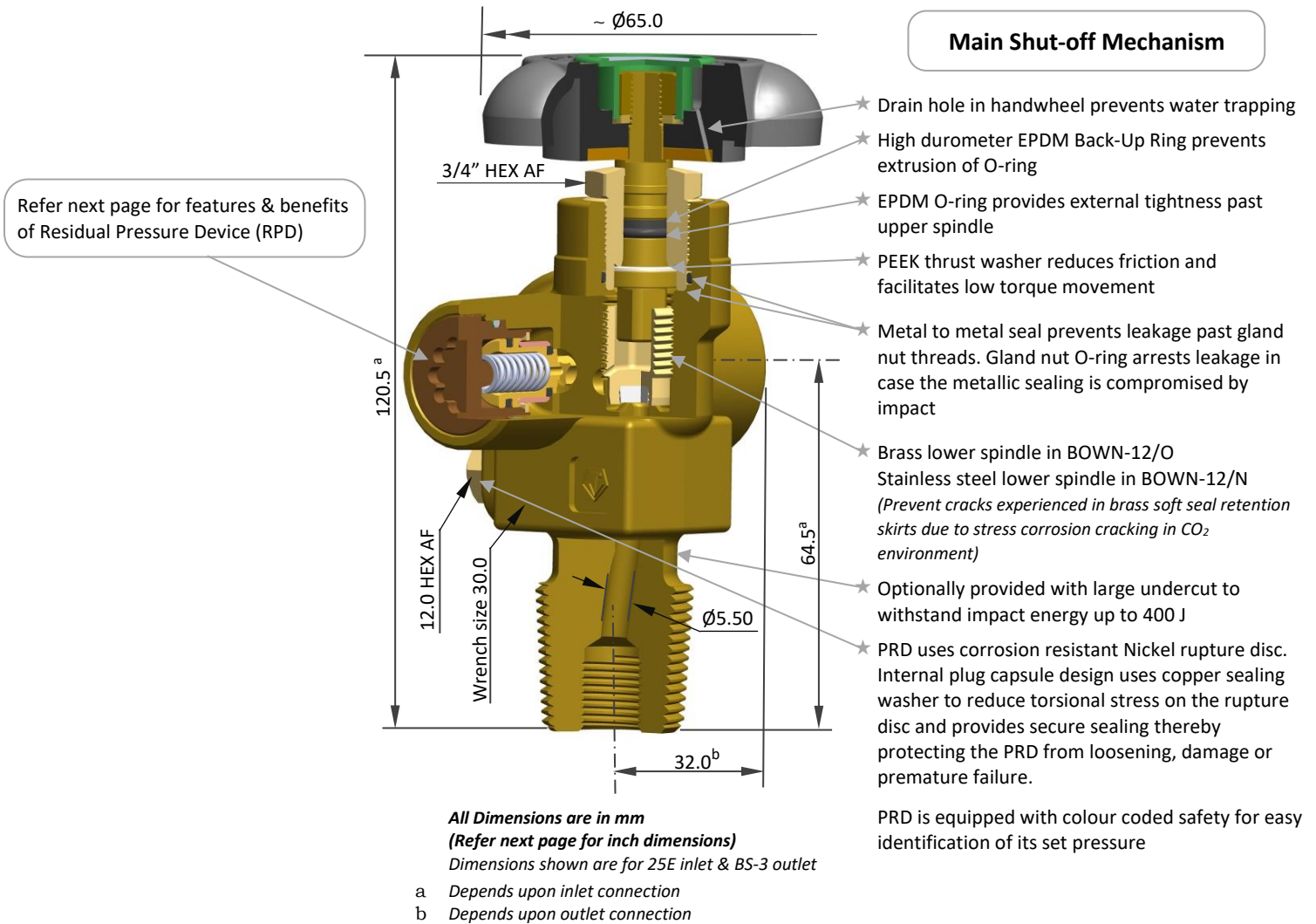
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## Features & Benefits for Best-in-Class Performance

### Series BOWN-12/O & BOWN-12/N (Taper Inlet)



All Dimensions are in mm  
(Refer next page for inch dimensions)  
Dimensions shown are for 25E inlet & BS-3 outlet

- a Depends upon inlet connection
- b Depends upon outlet connection

PRD is equipped with colour coded safety for easy identification of its set pressure

### Design Specifications

	Metric Unit *
✓ MIN life (main shut-off mechanism)	: 2000 cycles
✓ MIN life (RPD)	: 100000 cycles
✓ Closing-off pressure	: 2 – 4 bar
✓ Opening pressure	: 4 – 6 bar
✓ Main valve temperature range	: -46 °C to +85°C
✓ RPD temperature range	: -20° C to +65° C
✓ Minimum closing torque	: 3 Nm
✓ Gland nut installation torque	: 65 Nm
✓ RPD installation torque	: 19 Nm
✓ PRD installation torque (if provided)	: 28 Nm
✓ Stroke length	: 5.00 – 5.50 mm
✓ Maximum test pressure (TP)	: 360 bar
✓ Flow coefficient (C <sub>v</sub> )	: 0.35
✓ Lubricant (main shut-off mechanism)	
- BOWN-12/O	: Gleitmo 599
- BOWN-12/N	: Klubertemp GR M30
✓ Lubricant (RPD)	: Gleitmo 599

\* Refer next page for English units

### Testing & Certification

- ✓ Valves meet EN ISO 10297:2017, EN ISO 15996:2017 & CGA V-9:2019
- ✓ Valves are certified to European Transportable Pressure Equipment Directive (TPED) & available with TT mark
- ✓ Valves for Indian market are approved by PESO & supplied under Lloyd inspection
- ✓ Production testing as per EN ISO 14246

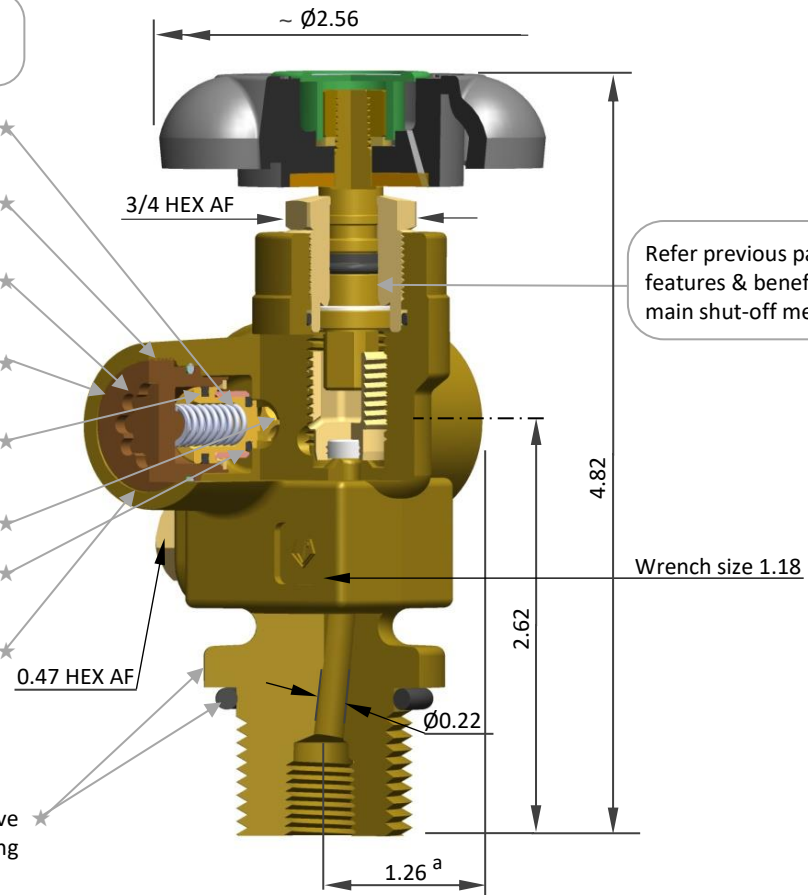


## Features & benefits for Best-in-Class Performance

### Series BOWN-12/O & BOWN-12/N (Parallel Inlet)

#### Residual Pressure Device (RPD) with Non-Return Valve Function

- ★ Corrosion resistant Copper Beryllium spring provides long service life
- ★ Fail safe design of Residual Pressure Device as per EIGA document-21/08/E
- ★ RPD housing requires special tool for assembly and disassembly to discourage tampering
- ★ Housing machined from Dezincification Resistant Brass to resist galvanic corrosion and improved ductility
- ★ Quad ring provides twice the sealing surface compared to O-ring maintaining effective seal and improved life
- ★ Piston length to suit user filling connector
- ★ Ingenious RPD design prevents extrusion of piston O-ring at high flow
- ★ RPD spare kit available in single unit for easy maintenance
- ★ Robust flange & high durometer O-ring provides effective sealing



Refer previous page for features & benefits of main shut-off mechanism

All Dimensions are in inch  
 (Refer previous page for millimetre dimensions)  
 Dimensions shown are for U18 inlet and CGA 580R outlet  
 a Depends upon outlet connection

#### Design Specifications

	English Unit *
✓ MIN life (main shut-off mechanism)	: 2000 cycles
✓ MIN life (RPD)	: 100000 cycles
✓ Closing-off pressure	: 30 – 60 psig
✓ Opening pressure	: 60 - 90 psig
✓ Main valve temperature range	: -51 °F to +185 °F
✓ RPD temperature range	: -4 °F to +149 °F
✓ Minimum closing torque	: 2.2 ft.lb
✓ Gland nut installation torque	: 48 ft.lb
✓ RPD installation torque	: 14 ft.lb
✓ PRD installation torque (if provided)	: 21 ft.lb
✓ Stroke length	: 0.20 – 0.22 in
✓ Maximum test pressure (TP)	: 5220 psig
✓ Flow coefficient (C <sub>v</sub> )	: 0.35
✓ Lubricant (main shut-off mechanism)	
- BOWN-12/O	: Gleitmo 599
- BOWN-12/N	: Klubertemp GR M30
✓ Lubricant (RPD)	: Gleitmo 599

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## Operating Principle & Identifying Features

### BOWN-12/O & BOWN-12/N

#### Main Shut-off Mechanism

Involves a free-floating upper spindle interfacing with the threaded lower spindle through a square drive to open and close the valve. The design uses O-ring to create a seal around the upper spindle. PEEK thrust washer capsuled with the upper spindle acts as anti-friction ring when the upper spindle rotates to open and close the valve under high pressure. Leakage through the gland nut threads is protected by metallic sealing with secondary protection provided by an O-ring below the gland nut threads. Lower spindle has PA 66/PEEK seat insert to ensure low torque closure.

#### Recommended Opening Procedure

It is recommended that the valves always be opened gradually in anticlockwise direction until the required flow is achieved. Opening the valve fully causes the lower spindle to ride upwards on its threads until it contacts the upper spindle. Valves in fully open position can be mistaken as closed by inexperienced operators. The operator should check whether the valves are open or close by attempting to close the valve, never by trying to open the valve.

#### Recommended Closing Procedure

Close the cylinder valve by rotating the handwheel in the clockwise direction.

#### Valve Installation

Valving procedure and torque guidelines should be as per EN ISO 13341.

For NGT threads, we recommend hand tight + 3 turns wrench tight to install the valve in the cylinders.

#### Residual Pressure Device (RPD)

The Residual Pressure Unit consists of brass housing, housing O-ring, spring, piston with quad ring to slide within the housing and the piston O-ring. The RPD mechanism is equipped with Non-return function and requiring special filling adapter for filling and evacuation. This involves a pin as a part of the filling adapter to mechanically bypass the Non-return function by pushing the piston against the spring load.

When the valve is in the closed position, the piston acting against spring force seals the outlet against the atmosphere trapping the residual gas between the closed valve seat and the sealed outlet.

When the main valve is opened, gas flows through the valve to the front side of the piston. When the force exceeds the spring load, the piston is forced backwards into the housing allowing the gas to flow through the outlet.

When the cylinder pressure falls between 2-4 bar, the spring force closes the piston against the outlet seat retaining residual pressure at the end of its discharge life even if the valve is left open.

#### **CAUTION**

1. Valving tools (e.g. sockets or jaws) used to screw the valve into the cylinder must only contact the flats provided in the valve body.
2. As upper spindle is non-rising, do not over torque the valve in open direction.
3. Over-torquing the valve into the cylinder must be avoided as they cause high stresses in the cylinder neck, leading to overload failures. Over-torquing also leads to irreparable damage to the valve inlet thread.
4. Ensure the main shut-off mechanism is closed while replacing the RPD spare kit.
5. Only manufacturer approved filling connector should be used for filling & evacuation. Use of an improper fill connector could damage the RPV and/or fill connector or fail to fully actuate the RPD. An improper fill connector in oxygen service can lead to ignition that can result in damage, injury or death.
6. Repair and maintenance should only be carried out by trained personnel using proper tools.




## Residual Pressure Valve (RPV) Accessories

### Gland Nut & RPD Servicing Tool (SPHC004)



#### Features

- Cadmium plated, High Carbon High Chromium tool for maintenance of BOWN-12 valves
- One end having Hex 3/4" AF to open/tighten gland nut
- Other end having '  ' drive to replace RPD spare kit

### Filling Connector Pin Changing Tool (SPHC005)

#### Features

- High Carbon High Chromium opening tool assembled with Aluminium handwheel for changing filling connector pin



### Residual Pressure Checking Tool (CTNY002)

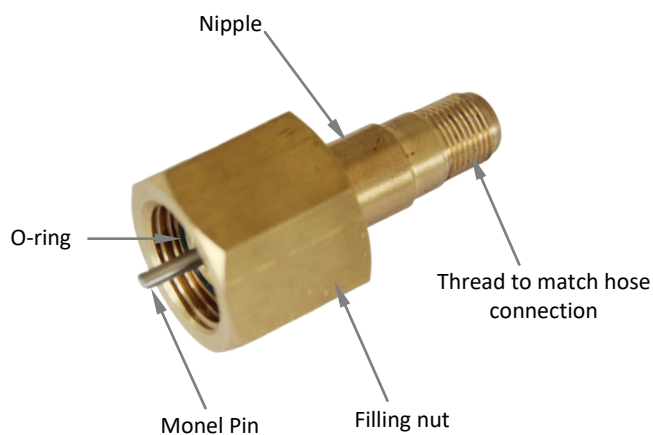


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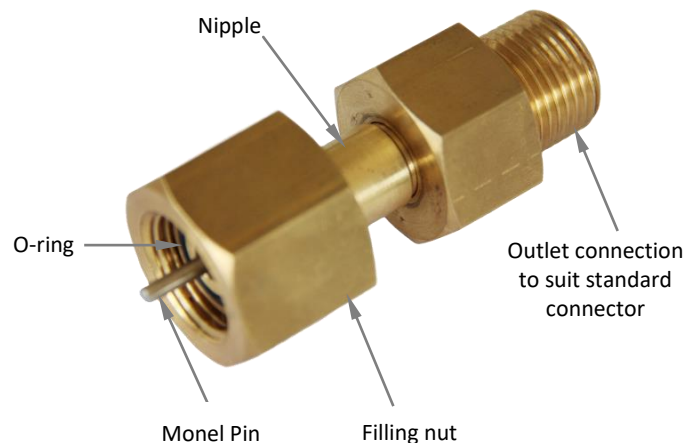
- Polyamide material avoids damage to piston
- Residual pressure is checked by observing escaping gas by pushing the tool against the piston

### RPV Filling Connector (Fixed Pin)

#### Type A



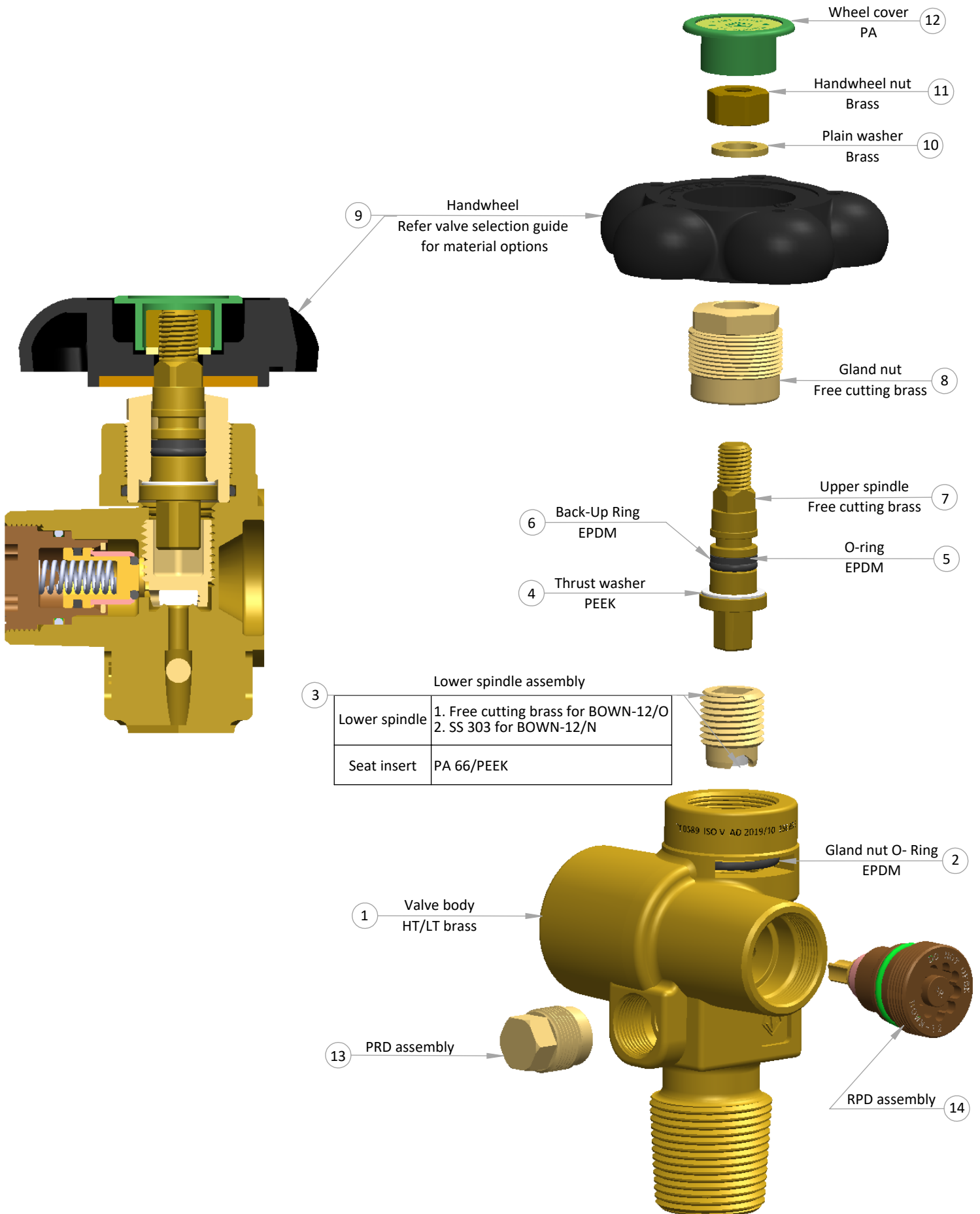
#### Type B



#### Features

- Removable Monel pin facilitates easy maintenance in case the pin is bent/broken
- O-ring seal avoids any damage to the valve outlet
- Standardized filling connectors as per CGA V-1 are designated with an "R" after the connection number, e.g. 320R, 580R etc.

BOWN-12/O and BOWN-12/N





## Disassembly, Inspection & Assembly Instructions

### BOWN-12/O & BOWN-12/N

*(Main Shut-off Mechanism is identical with SWN-12/O series)*

#### Disassembly of Main Shut-off Mechanism

1. Place the valve assembly after removing from the cylinder in a vice or similar holding fixture. The holding fixture must securely grip the valve body (1) on the wrench flats so that there is no damage to the valve body plating, internal bores and inlet and outlet threads.
2. Remove wheel cover (12) by pulling it away from the handwheel (9) using a screw driver or similar tool.  
Use 13 mm socket wrench or HEX box wrench to unscrew the handwheel nut (11) by turning it counter clockwise
3. Remove the handwheel from the upper spindle (7) square. The handwheel nut and plain washer (10) will come out with the handwheel.
4. Using gland nut & RPD servicing tool (Tekno Valves item code - SPHC004), unscrew the gland nut (8) in counter clockwise direction. The upper spindle assembly with O-ring (5), back-up ring (6) and thrust washer (4) will remove with the gland nut. Remove the upper spindle assembly from the gland nut by pushing the upper spindle from the top. Be careful not to scratch the gland nut sealing surface.
5. Use the upper spindle to remove the lower spindle assembly (3) from the valve chamber, by rotating it counter clockwise.
6. Remove the PRD (13) by rotating counter clockwise using a 12 mm socket wrench or HEX box wrench. Be careful not to scratch / damage the sealing surface of the PRD with the valve body.

#### Disassembly of RPD

Remove RPD assembly (14) by rotating it in anti-clockwise direction using gland nut & RPD servicing tool.

#### Inspection

1. Valve body (1)
  - a. Inspect the valve body chamber for dirt, debris or damage. Where possible, blow out the valve body chamber using clean, dry, compressed Air or Nitrogen to remove any foreign particles.
  - b. Inspect the valve body for seat damage and thread wear.
  - c. Inspect if gland nut O-ring (2) is in place inside the valve body groove.
  - d. Do not attempt to repair the valve body if damaged.
2. Components
  - a. Inspect all parts visually for wear, damage. Replace parts as necessary. In case of damage to upper spindle (7) and / or elastomers, replace with new upper spindle subassembly.
  - b. Inspect lower spindle (3) threads and soft seating for any sign of wear / damage. Inspect the thrust washer (4). Replace if necessary.
  - c. Inspect PRD (13) (if installed) for any damage.
  - d. Handwheel (9) should only be reused if in good condition.
  - e. Inspect RPD assembly (14) for any wear in O-ring and damage in piston

#### Assembly of Main Shut-off Mechanism

1. Lubricate parts as per GA drawing.  
NOTE Customer will receive parts / spare kits in lubricated condition.
2. Push thrust washer (4) to rest inside the upper spindle (7) collar groove.
3. Use special tools to fit O-ring (5) and back-up ring (6) in upper spindle groove. Care should be taken to place the back-up ring above the O-ring in the lower groove.
4. Fit gland nut O-ring (2) inside the groove provided in the valve body (1) just below the gland nut threads.
5. Insert upper spindle subassembly inside gland nut (8) with a twisted motion to avoid damage to elastomers and insert till the spindle collar rests on gland nut counter bore.
6. Place the lower spindle assembly (3) into the valve body. Position the upper spindle to engage with the lower spindle square and screw in gland nut into the valve body by rotating the upper spindle square. This will also drive the lower spindle assembly to rest with the valve body seat.
7. Clamp valve body in bench vice between nylon clamps. Tighten gland nut using gland nut & RPD servicing tool (Tekno Valves item code - SPHC004) at  $65 \pm 2$  Nm in clockwise direction.
8. Place handwheel (9) on the upper spindle square.
9. Fit handwheel by tightening handwheel nut (11) over plain washer (10) using a 13 mm socket wrench or HEX box wrench at  $9 \pm 1$  Nm in clockwise direction.
10. Tighten PRD assembly (13), if provided, using a 12 mm socket wrench or HEX box wrench at  $32 \pm 1$  Nm in clockwise direction.
11. Push fit wheel cover (12) in the handwheel.

#### Assembly of RPD

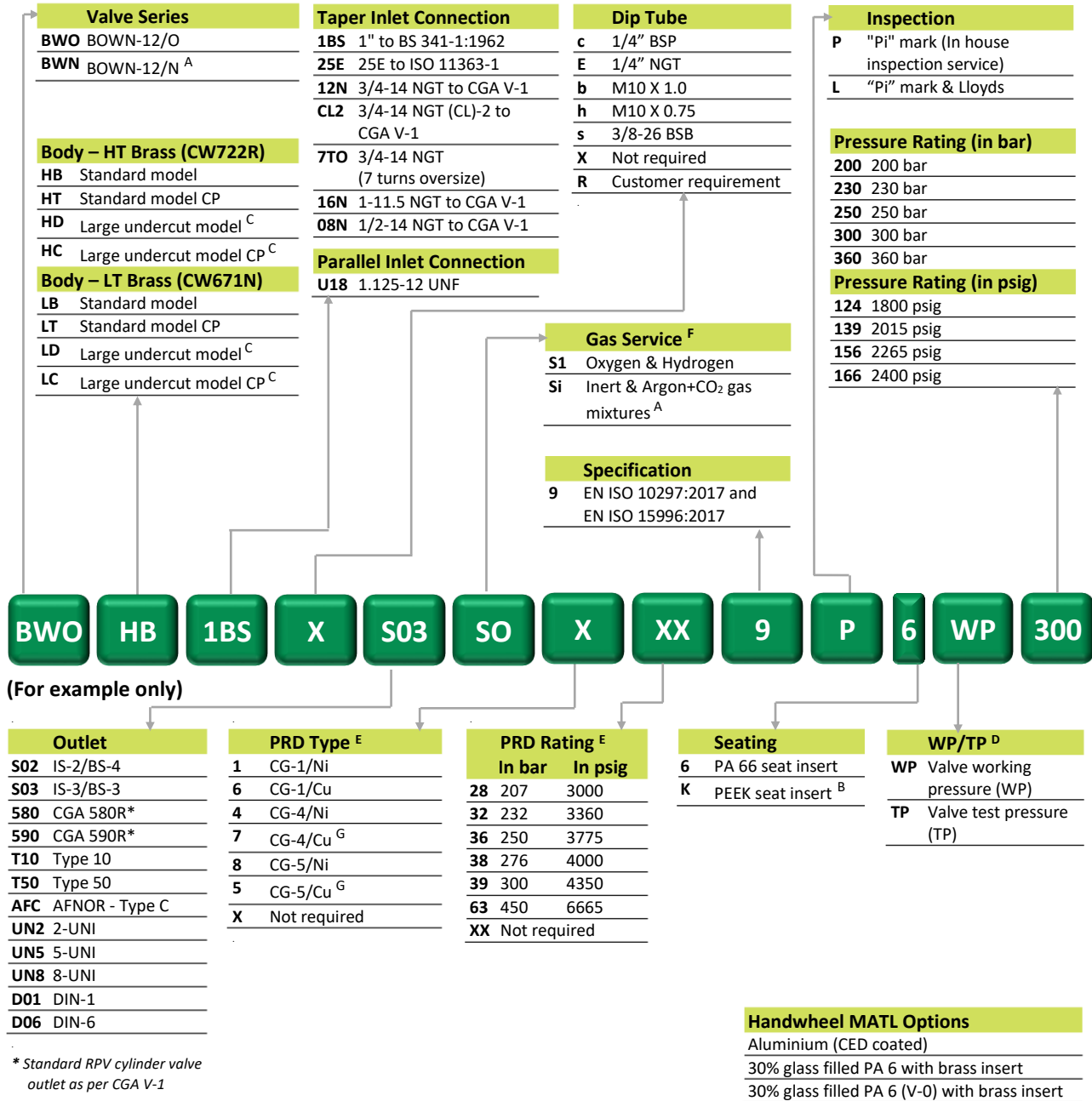
Tighten RPD assembly (14) using gland nut & RPD servicing tool at 19 Nm in clockwise direction.

NOTE Refer "Material of construction and assembly arrangement" page to identify the part No. given in the bracket.



# Product Selection Guide – Valve Item Code Matrix

## BOWN-12/O and BOWN-12/N



- A** - BOWN-12/N series is not available for oxygen & other oxidizing gases & their mixtures
- B** - PEEK seat insert is not available for oxygen & other oxidizing gases & their mixtures
- C** - Not applicable for parallel inlet connection
- D** - As per EN ISO 10297, the term working pressure (WP) is only applicable for compressed gases and does not apply to liquefied gases. For compressed gas, test pressure = 1.2 x working pressure  
For liquefied gases, test pressure shall be at least equal to the minimum test pressure corresponding to the applicable filling ratio quoted in the relevant transport regulation (ADR) for that gas
- E** - CG-4/CG-5 is available for PRD with MAX burst disc set pressure 300 bar
- F** - Detailed compatible gas list shall be provided on request
- G** - Valves for hydrogen & carbon monoxide only available with CG-4/Cu & CG-5/Cu type PRD





# Residual Pressure Valve (RPV) Technology

## Benefits of Using RPV

Cylinder valves that retain a small positive pressure in gas cylinders even if left open after use have been available for many years. The positive pressure ensures content purity & improves productivity in the cylinder filling operation by eliminating the need for purging the cylinder. The Non-Return Valve (NRV) function in the Residual pressure device (RPD) prevents back flow of fluids into the cylinder from a higher-pressure source. The use of RPV prevents moisture ingress & contamination in the cylinder which reduces potential for internal corrosion, improving cylinder life & safety.

*NOTE As per packaging instruction P200 of ADR (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road), the interval between periodic tests (requalification) of seamless steel cylinders used with certain gases may be extended to 15 years if the cylinders are equipped with RPVs with NRV function that have been designed & tested in accordance with EN ISO 15996 & specified provisions given in Para 13 of P200 are met.*

## Application of RPVs

RPVs are highly recommended for:

1. Carbon steel cylinder applications where there is a possibility of internal corrosion due to ingress of fluid.  
(E.g. Sea water & moisture)
2. Applications where gas purity is important, e.g. Medical or food gas products.
3. Gases & gas mixtures which are susceptible to Stress corrosion cracking, e.g. Carbon monoxide in steel cylinders.
4. Applications where the possibility of back flow contamination from the end users process can create hazardous conditions, e.g. Beverage dispensing

## Types of RPDs

### Type 1 \*

RPD that retains a positive pressure in the cylinder above the pressure downstream of the valve outlet & also incorporates a non-return feature to prevent backflow into the cylinder from a higher pressure on the valve outlet.

### Type 2

RPD that retains a positive pressure in the cylinder above atmospheric pressure but will not prevent backflow into the cylinder if the pressure on the valve outlet is high enough to overcome the RPD mechanism and the residual pressure in the cylinder.

\* This document mainly deals with Type 1 RPD

## Orientation of RPVs

### Offline

The outlet is offset with respect to the inlet plane & the RPD is at the backside of the outlet. They can be designed for any outlet connection but are mainly used on outlet with internal threads & for external threaded outlets requiring sealing in the cone. They are less restrictive on the flow passage of the valve.

### Inline

The RPD is contained within the outlet & therefore they are mainly used for external threaded outlets requiring sealing on the face. Due to limitation of the volume within which the inline RPD has to be accommodated, they have greater flow limitation than the offline version.



## Residual Pressure Valve (RPV) Technology

### Filling Connector

Majority of RPVs used in the industry are equipped with NRV function requiring special filling connector consisting of a projected pin attached to end of the nipple to neutralise the NRV for filling & evacuating cylinder. There are several ways to design the filling connector & the pin can be fixed or retractable type. Filling connector with retractable pin can also be used to fill standard valves.

The other end of the filling connector is designed to fit the filling/evacuation manifold (Type A). Alternately, the other end is designed to have the same valve outlet connection to accommodate standard connector (Type B).

### Interchangeability of RPVs & Filling Connector

The design dimension of RPVs & special filling connectors may vary between different manufacturers & result in incompatibility of the connection if interchanged. Only filling connector supplied or recommended by the valve manufacturer should be used unless the RPV & filling connectors have been manufactured to standardized dimensions in accordance with national or international standards, e.g. CGA V-1.

*NOTE CGA V-1 has standardized several valve outlet & filling connector dimensions for valves equipped with RPV with NRV function. This allows the use of common filling connectors on valves that meet this standard. Standardized filling connectors & valve outlet are designated with an "R" after the connection number, e.g. 320R, 540R.*

### Devalving Cylinder Equipped with RPV

During removal of RPV from cylinder, care needs to be taken to ensure that the cylinder contains no pressure. An operator might believe that a cylinder after venting is empty because no gas is being emitted from the open valve. After venting, it is necessary to attach a filling connector to allow the residual pressure to be released from the cylinder.

Before devalving the operator shall confirm that the cylinder is empty of all pressure. A small amount of inert gas or air should be introduced in the cylinder through the valve outlet & filling connector to verify whether gas flows unhindered into the cylinder or not.

### Prefill Inspection on the RPVs

RPVs should be inspected for any damage due to mishandling or abuse before filling. The presence of residual pressure should be checked by pushing the check rod against the piston. The sound of escaping gas indicates residual cylinder pressure. The piston returning to its original position is a good sign indicating the RPD is functioning properly. The filling connector actuation pin should be inspected to ensure it is not bent or broken. O-ring, if used, on the filling connector should be inspected for any tear, wear or crack.

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