

# Brooks® Cartridge Valve

## Brooks Cartridge III Valve for Gas and Liquid Applications

The Cartridge III Valve is a multipurpose valve, designed for gas and liquid flow applications. It is interchangeable with previous versions of Brooks valves.

These valves come in three different sizes – low, medium and high flow. The stem is conical tapered at the end and it has two orifice sizes that provide a wide choice of flow ranges for all models. A Teflon piece is crimped into the valve body which gives better setability, repeatability and feel of operation.



### Features & Benefits

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Eight turns open-to-close

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Large knob

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Excellent setability and repeatability

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Rugged design

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Interchangeability - For use with all Brooks purgemeters

# Product Specifications

## Performance

Capacities	See Capacity Tables
Maximum Operating Pressure <sup>1</sup>	2000 psi (138 bar)
Maximum Operating Temperature <sup>1</sup>	400°F (200°C)
Dimensions	See Dimensions Figure

## Materials of Construction

Valve Body and Stem	316 Stainless Steel
Orifice	PEEK Arlon® 1126 15% glass filled
Valve Ring	Teflon® (PTFE)
O-Ring	Standard: Viton fluoroelastomers; Optional: Buna, Kalrez®, EPR, Teflon®, Butyl
Knob	Phenolic (Thermoset)

<sup>1</sup> These ratings are for the cartridge valve only. The valve rating shall supersede any higher equipment rating. A lower equipment rating shall supersede the valve rating.

Capacity Table (United States Customary Units)

Valve Size	Max. Capacity		
	Air <sup>2</sup> (slpm)	Water <sup>2</sup> (lpm)	Cv
Low	5.7	0.176	0.015
Medium	19.7	0.712	0.050
High	75.6	2.04	0.193

<sup>2</sup> Capacities measured with 10 psig supply and atmospheric pressure exhaust.

Flow capacities will vary for different gases, liquids and pressures.

Standard temperature 70°F, standard pressure 14.7 psia.

Capacity Table (Standard International Units)

Valve Size	Max. Capacity		
	Air m <sup>3</sup> (n)/h <sup>(3)</sup>	Water l hr <sup>(3)</sup>	Kv
Low	0.34	13	0.012
Medium	1.2	51	0.044
High	4.6	147	0.167

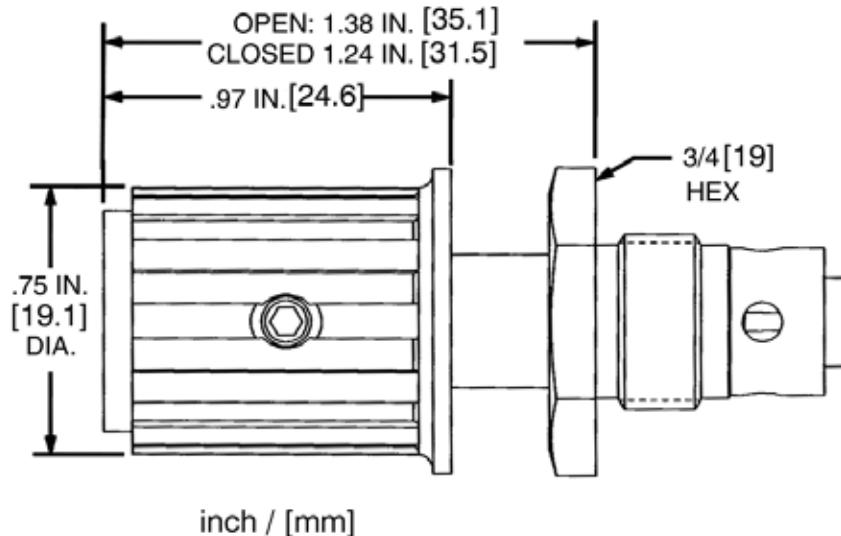
<sup>(3)</sup> Standard capacities measured with 1 barg supply and atmospheric pressure exhaust.

Flow capacities will vary for different gases, liquids and pressures.

Standard temperature 0°C, normal pressure 1.013 bar.

Specific Gravity Table for Gases

Gas	Specific Gravity Referred to Air at 70°F (SG)	Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Acetylene	0.907	1.173
Air	1.0	1.293
Ammonia	0.587	0.771
Argon	1.38	1.784
Butane	2.07	2.593
Carbon Dioxide	1.529	1.977
Helium	0.138	0.178
Hydrogen	0.0695	0.090
Methane	0.554	0.717
Nitrogen	0.967	1.251
Oxygen	1.105	1.429
Propane	1.562	2.008
Sulfur Dioxide	2.264	2.858



## Cartridge Valve Sizing

### GAS - United States Customary Units

The correct cartridge valve can be determined for any gas by using one of the formulas below:

1. Subcritical Flow Formula (when downstream pressure,  $P_2$ , is greater than the critical pressure  $P_c$ , or  $P_1 < 2P_2$ )

$$C_v = \frac{Q}{454} \sqrt{\frac{(SG) \times (T)}{P_1^2 - P_2^2}}$$

2. Critical Flow Formula (when downstream pressure,  $P_2$ , is less than the critical pressure  $P_c$ , or  $P_1 > 2P_2$ )

$$C_v = \frac{Q \sqrt{(SG) \times (T)}}{385 \times P_1}$$

Note: Critical pressure is equal to approximately 1/2 of the upstream absolute pressure. ( $P_c = 1/2 P_1$ )

Where:

$C_v$  = Valve flow coefficient

$Q$  = Gas flow in slpm

$SG$  = Gas specific gravity (See Specific Gravity Table)

$T$  = Absolute temp. of flowing gas in °R ( $^{\circ}F + 460$ )

$P_1$  = Upstream pressure (psia)

$P_2$  = Downstream pressure (psia)

$P_c$  = Critical pressure (psia)

### LIQUID - United States Customary Units

The correct needle valve can be determined for any liquid by using the formula below:

$$C_v = 0.264 (Q) \sqrt{\frac{(SG)}{\Delta P}}$$

Where:

$C_v$  = Valve flow coefficient

$Q$  = Liquid flow (slpm)

$\Delta P$  = Pressure drop (psi)

$SG$  = Liquid specific gravity

### GAS - Standard International Units

The correct cartridge valve can be determined for any gas by using one of the formulas below:

1. Subcritical Flow Formula (when downstream pressure,  $P_2$ , is greater than the critical pressure  $P_c$ , or  $P_1 < 2P_2$ )

$$K_v = \frac{Q_{max}}{514} \sqrt{\frac{\text{density}(T)}{\Delta P(P_2)}}$$

2. Critical Flow Formula (when downstream pressure,  $P_2$ , is less than the critical pressure  $P_c$ , or  $P_1 > 2P_2$ )

$$K_v = \frac{Q_{max}}{257(P_1)} \sqrt{\text{density}(T)}$$

Where:

$K_v$  = Valve flow coefficient

$Q_{max}$  = Gas flow ( $m^3/h$ )

Density = Gas density ( $kg/m^3$ ) (See Specific Gravity Table)

$T$  = Absolute actual operating temp.  $^{\circ}K$  ( $^{\circ}C + 237$ )

$P_1$  = Upstream pressure (bar abs)

$P_2$  = Downstream pressure (bar abs)

$\Delta P$  = Pressure drop (bar)

### LIQUID - Standard International Units

The correct cartridge valve can be determined for any liquid by using the formula below:

$$K_v = (Q_{max}) \sqrt{\frac{(\text{density})}{\Delta P(1000)}}$$

Where:

$K_v$  = Valve flow coefficient

$Q_{max}$  = Liquid flow ( $m^3/h$ )

$D$  = Fluid density ( $kg/m^3$ )

$\Delta P$  = Pressure drop (bar)

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