

# Operating and maintenance information for stainless steel PED valves

safety pressure relief valves, conforming to PED Directive 2014/68/EU

This operating and maintenance information applies to Atos stainless steel safety pressure relief valves conforming to Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) 2014/68/EU. It is intended to provide useful guidelines on the safe and proper assembly, commissioning, operation, use, maintenance and transport of PED valves. The prescriptions included in this document must be strictly observed to avoid damages and injury.



## 1 SYMBOL CONVENTIONS

Following symbols are used in this documentation to evidence particular risks to be carefully avoided. In the following are listed the symbol conventions with their meaning, in case of non-compliance with this operating and maintenance information.

 <b>WARNING</b>	Death or serious injury could occur	risk classes to ANSI Z535.6 / ISO 3864
 <b>CAUTION</b>	Minor or moderate injury could occur	
<b>NOTICE</b>	Property damage could occur	
	Information to be observed	

## 2 GENERAL NOTES

This document is relevant to the installation, use and maintenance of on-off directional, flow and pressure control valves. It is intended for machine manufacturers, assemblers and system end-users.

 **WARNING**  
**Personal injury and property damage may be caused by incorrect use of the products!**

The products have been designed for use in industrial environments and may only be used in the appropriate way.

Before using Atos valves, the following requirements must be met to ensure the appropriate use of the products:

- personnel who uses Atos valves must first read and understand the operating and maintenance information, particularly the Safety Notes in section [6](#)
- the products must remain in their original state, no modifications are permitted
- damaged or faulty valves must not be installed or put into operation
- make sure that the products have been installed as described in section [7](#)

### 2.1 Warranty

The expiration of warranty results from the following operations:

- incorrect assembly and commissioning
- improper handling and storage, see [10](#)
- improper use, see 6.2
- modification of the original condition

## 3 CERTIFICATION

Safety pressure relief valves are certified by DEKRA, according to Pressure Equipment Directive 2014/68/EU (PED).

They meet the requirements specified in: Module B - EU Type Examination - Production Type (Annex III) of Directive 2014/68/EU - PED category IV

#### 4 COMPONENTS DESCRIPTION

This document applies to direct operated safety pressure relief valves type CART MX(S)-\* and CART AREX(S). These valves are designed to operate as safety components, limiting the maximum system pressure or to protect parts of the circuit from overpressure.

They are also used as safety valves to protect hydraulic accumulators.

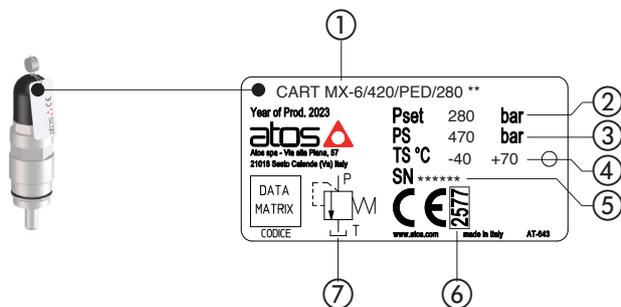
The valves are factory set at the pressure level required by the customer.

The pressure adjustment screw of the valves is protected with a lead sealed plastic cap to avoid manumission of the factory setting.



Any tampering of the lead sealing invalidates the certification.

#### 5 PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION EXAMPLES - nameplates



- ① Valve code
- ② Factory pressure setting
- ③ Burst pressure
- ④ Min ÷ Max fluid or ambient temperature range
- ⑤ Valve serial number (1)
- ⑥ Notified body reference number
- ⑦ Hydraulic symbol

(1) Example for serial number:

<b>23</b>	-	<b>001</b>
Year: 23 = 2023		Progressive number

**Note:** nameplates may not be painted but must be kept in a readable condition

#### 6 SAFETY NOTES

##### 6.1 Intended use

Atos valves are intended for integration in industrial systems and machines or for the assembly with other components to form a machine or a system. They may only be operated under the environmental and operating conditions described in the valves technical tables.

##### 6.2 Improper use

Any improper use of the components is not admissible.

Improper use of the product includes:

- Wrong installation
- Use of inappropriate or non-admissible hydraulic fluids
- Use outside of specified performance limits
- Use outside the specified temperature range
- The safety valves must not be used if the maximum system flow exceeds the value indicated as "max admissible" reported in the relevant technical table
- Manumission of the factory pressure setting
- Incorrect transport

##### 6.3 Installation

Installation must be performed following the recommendations contained in the valves technical tables



Any tampering of the lead sealing invalidates the certification.



#### CAUTION

Use of the valve outside the approved temperature range may lead to functional failures.

Only use the valve within the specified ambient and fluid temperature range.



#### CAUTION: pressurized systems

When working at hydraulic systems with stored energy (accumulator or cylinders working under gravity), valves may even be pressurized after the hydraulic power supply has been switched off.

During assembly and disassembly works, serious injury may be caused by a powerful leaking of hydraulic fluid jet.

Ensure that the whole hydraulic system is depressurized, and the electrical control is de-energized.

#### NOTICE: dirt and foreign particles

Penetrating dirt and foreign particles lead to wear and malfunctions of the valves.

During assembly, be careful to prevent foreign particles such as metal chips getting into the valve or into the hydraulic system

Do not use linting fabric for the valve cleaning.



#### Environmental protection

Hydraulic fluids are harmful to the environment.

Leaking hydraulic fluid may leads to environmental pollution.

In case of fluid leakage immediately act to contain the problem.

Dispose of the hydraulic fluid in accordance with the currently applicable national regulations in your country.

Atos components do not contain substances hazardous for the environment.

The materials contained in Atos components are mainly: Copper, Steel, Aluminium, Electronic components, Rubber

Due to the high content of reusable metals, the main components of Atos can be completely recycled after disassembling of the relevant parts.

## 7 HYDRAULIC AND MECHANICAL INSTALLATION

Safety pressure relief valves must be used as supplied by Atos, without unduly opening, division and/or substitution of internal parts.

Oil direction: P→T  
 Inlet oil port: P  
 Outlet oil port: T

Pressure on the discharge line T must be close to zero.

Verify that the seals are in good conditions before install the valves in the system.

The valves, must not be removed from their manifold after commissioning, in order to avoid the loosening of internal parts.

The end user must provide proper systems to avoid the cartridge disassembling.

CART in-line valves have to be mounted screwing into the seat, as per technical table **CWY010**.

See also section 7.1 for tightening torque.

### 7.1 Tightening torque

Valve code	CART MX-3	CART MXS-3	CART MX-6	CART MXS-6	CART AREX-20	CART AREXS-20
	22		27		36	
<b>Tightening torque (Nm)</b>	60		55		140	

### 7.2 Hydraulic fluids and operating viscosity range

The hydraulic fluids must be compatible with the selected seals.

Make sure that the working fluid is compatible with gas and dust present in the environment.

The type of fluid has to be selected in consideration of the effective working temperature range, so that the fluid viscosity remains at the optimal level.

Hydraulic fluid	Suitable seals type	Classification	Ref. Standard
Mineral oils	NBR low temp., FKM	HL, HLP, HLPD, HVLP, HVLPD	DIN 51524
Flame resistant without water	FKM, FVMQ	HFDR, HFDR	ISO 12922
Flame resistant with water	NBR low temp.	HFA-E, HFA-S, HFB, HFC	

**Fluid viscosity:** 15 ÷ 100 mm<sup>2</sup>/s - max allowed range 2,8 ÷ 500 mm<sup>2</sup>/s  
 min = 0,9 mm<sup>2</sup>/s for X full stainless steel execution with pure water

### 7.3 Filtration

The correct fluid filtration ensures a long service life of the valves and it prevent anomalous wearing or sticking.



Contamination in the hydraulic fluid may cause functional failures e.g. jamming or blocking of the valve spool / poppet.

In the worst case, this may result in unexpected system movements and thus constitute a risk of injury.

Ensure adequate hydraulic fluid cleanliness according to the cleanliness classes of the valve over the entire operating range.

**Max fluid contamination level:**

ISO 4406 class 20/18/15 NAS 1638 class 9

**Note:** see also filter section at [www.atos.com](http://www.atos.com) or KTF catalog

## 8 MAINTENANCE



Maintenance must be carried out only by qualified personnel with a specific knowledge of hydraulics and electrohydraulics

### 8.1 Ordinary maintenance

Safety pressure relief valves do not require specific maintenance.

A visual inspection is definitely useful to check the integrity of lead sealing and the absence of external oil leakages.

Periodically the external surface of the valve should be cleaned from dirt to allow a clear readability of the identification plate.

### 8.2 Repairing

Safety pressure relief valves are supplied as single assembled unit: spare parts are not allowed.

In case of incorrect functioning or beak-down it is recommended to send the valve back to Atos or to Atos authorized service center which will provide for the reparation.

## 9 CERTIFIED DISCHARGE COEFFICIENT Kdr - only for valves CART MX(S)-3 and CART MX(S)-6

### CART MX-3/420/PED and CART MXS-3/420/PED

minimum calibration flow: Q =0.5 l/min

Pset [bar] (1)	Qmax [l/min] (2)	Kdr (3)	Pmax [bar] (4)
25 - 50	1,2 - 1,2	0,18	55
51 - 100	1,2 - 1,35	0,18	110
101 - 150	1,6 - 1,6	0,12	165
151 - 210	2 - 2,5	0,18	231
211 - 350	2,1 - 2,5	0,41	385
351 - 420	2,5 - 2,5	0,39	462

### CART MX-6/420/PED and CART MXS-6/420/PED

minimum calibration flow: Q =2 l/min

Pset [bar] (1)	Qmax [l/min] (2)	Kdr (3)	Pmax [bar] (4)
25 - 50	8 - 34	0,71	55
51 - 100	34 - 60	0,89	110
101 - 150	60 - 60	0,57	231
151 - 210	60 - 60	0,58	308
211 - 350	60 - 60	0,39	385
351 - 420	60 - 60	0,58	462

### CART AREX-20/420/PED and CART AREXS-20/420/PED

minimum calibration flow: Q =2 l/min

Pset [bar] (1)	Qmax [l/min] (2)	Kdr (3)	Pmax [bar] (4)
30 - 60	55 - 75	0,705	66
61 - 110	50 - 110	0,682	121
111 - 200	70 - 150	0,731	220
201 - 230	120 - 150	0,752	253
231 - 290	65 - 120	0,765	319
291 - 315	150 - 150	0,766	346
316 - 420	150 - 150	0,862	462

Notes:

- (1) Pset: factory pressure setting at the indicated minimum flow (Q)
- (2) Qmax: max flow rate reached at Pset + 10%
- (3) Kdr: Certified discharge coefficient. It represents the ratio between the actual flow that is discharged by the valve and the theoretical flow calculated on the basis of the passage section and the p.
- (4) Pmax: pressure reached at Qmax (with limit of Pset + 10%)

## 10 STORAGE

### 10.1 Storage

Stainless steel valves are made with selected materials offering the best protection against oxidization.

Additionally, valves are boxed using a VpCi protective packing system, offering an increased protection during sea transport or long storage in humid environments even if the stainless valves are already free from oxidation.

For the valves transporting and storing always observe the environmental conditions specified in the relevant technical tables. Improper storage may damage the product.

The valves can be stored for up to 12 months under the following conditions:

- If there is no specific information in the components technical tables, comply with a storage temperature of -20°C to +50°C
- Stainless steel valves factory tested with pure water (code /W) must not be stored with ambient temperature lower than 5°C
- Do not store the valves outdoors
- Protect the valves against water and humidity in case of storage in open air
- Store the valves in the shelf or on a pallet
- Store the valves in the original packaging or comparable packaging in order to protect them from dust and dirt
- Remove the plastic covers from the valves mounting surface only before the assembly

In case of storage period longer than 12 months please contact our technical office

## 11 RELATED DOCUMENTATION

### Pressure relief valves

**CWY010** CART MX\*/PED, CART MXS\*/PED, CART AREX\*/PED. CART AREXS\*/PED – direct, screw-in safety cartridges with PED certification