



**APCO ASR-400/450  
SEWAGE AIR RELEASE  
VALVES**



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## APCO ASR-400/450 Sewage Air Release Valves

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### Instructions

These instructions provide installation, operation and maintenance information for the APCO ASR-400/450 Sewage Air Release Valves. They are for use by personnel who are responsible for installation, operation and maintenance of APCO ASR-400/450 Sewage Air Release Valves.

### Safety Messages

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#### **WARNING!**

**Personnel involved in the installation or maintenance of valves should be constantly alert to potential emission of pipeline material and take appropriate safety precautions. Always wear suitable protection when dealing with hazardous pipeline materials. Handle valves, which have been removed from service with suitable protection for any potential pipeline material in the valve.**

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### Inspection

Your APCO ASR Series 400/450 Sewage Air Valve has been packaged to provide protection during shipment; however, it can be damaged in transport. Carefully inspect the unit for damage upon arrival and file a claim with the carrier if damage is apparent.

### Parts

Recommended spare parts are listed on the assembly drawing. These parts should be stocked to minimize downtime. Order parts from your local DeZURIK sales representative, or directly from DeZURIK. When ordering parts please choose from the following:

**If the valve has a DeZURIK APCO nameplate** please include the 7-digit part number and 4-digit revision number (example: 9999999R000) located on the data plate attached to the valve assembly. Also include the part name, the assembly drawing number, the balloon number and the quantity stated on the assembly drawing.

**If there isn't any nameplate visible on the valve**, please include Valve Model number, the part name, and item number from the assembly drawing. You may contact your local DeZURIK APCO Representative to help you identify your valve.

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### Description

The APCO ASR-400/450 Sewage Air Release Valves are specially designed for use with sewage and waste media. The float and venting mechanisms in the valve allow air/gas built up in the pipeline to escape while preventing media spillage or spurting.

The APCO ASR-400/450 Sewage Air Release Valves are specially designed to vent large volumes of air when the sewage line is filled and allow air to re-enter when draining, to prevent vacuum or column separation occurring. Sewage Air/Vacuum Valves utilize two floats, each connected to a common stem which is guided through a bushing. Once closed, and pressurized, the Air/Vacuum valve will not open to release air. It will open under negative pressure allowing air to re-enter and prevent vacuum from forming in the line.

### Handling and Storage

Lifting the valve improperly may damage it. Do not fasten lifting devices to piping or attached components. Lift the valve with a sling around the flanged end of the body.

If installation will be delayed, place valve indoors in secure, weather tight storage. If temporary outside storage is unavoidable, make sure a vermin proof rain cover (water shedding tarp, etc.) is secured around/over the valve to keep off rain and mud. Skid and set the valve on a flat, solid, and well drained surface for protection from ground moisture, runoff and pooled rain water.

### Installation

- The sewage air valve is fitted with a shut off valve for isolating the valve from the main for inspection and backflushing.
- The sewage air valve and valve vault should have adequate drainage and be sufficiently protected from possible freezing conditions.
- It is recommend the sewage air valve discharge ports be ordered threaded and piped to a drain, particularly when installed within a pumping station, to prevent the danger of flooding due to malfunction or clogging.

### Maintenance/Backflushing

The valve should be backflushed to prevent grease and scum buildup inside the valve which can prevent the valve from operating properly. Valves can be ordered with the optional backflushing attachments.

The valve should be backflushed 6 months after the initial operating date. If the initial backflushing process only takes a few minutes to clean the valve, the next backflushing can be scheduled in 12 months. If the initial backflushing process takes 15 minutes or longer to clean the valve, the next backflushing should be scheduled in 3 months.

**Maintenance/Backflushing** *(Continued)****Backflushing to Force Main***

If a clean water service is available, it must be at least 15 psi higher than the main pressure, to prevent sewage from back flowing into the potable water line. See Figure 3 for part identification.

Valves (with optional Backflush Attachment) may be flushed back into the force main by:

1. Leave the Isolation Valve A open.
2. Connect the Backflush Hose C to Valve D.
3. Backflush for 2 – 3 minutes (or as long as it takes to flush out all the sediment).
4. Close Valve D.
5. Transfer the hose to Quick Disconnect E and flush for 1 minute.
6. After backflushing, close Isolation Valve A.
7. Remove Backflush Hose C and vent pressure in the valve thru Valve D.
8. Remove cover bolts (4) and remove the cover (2).
9. Visually inspect the valve interior. If grease deposits interfere with the valve operation, scrap out grease deposits.
10. If the valve was leaking thru the Outlet Port during backflushing, replace the seat (6) and needle (7) before replacing the cover (2).
11. Replace cover (2) and cover bolts (4).  
**Note:** If cover gasket (3) is damaged, replace cover gasket.
12. Slowly open Isolation Valve A to place valve back in service.

***Backflushing to Atmospheric or Vacuum Tank***

If a clean water service is not available, with 15 psi higher than the main pressure, backflush thru Drain Valve B into an atmospheric or vacuum collection tank. See Figure 3 for part identification.

Valves (with optional Backflush Attachment) may be flushed back into tank by:

1. Close Isolation Valve A.
2. Connect Drain Valve B to an atmospheric or vacuum collection tank.  
**Note:** If a vacuum collection tank is used, a pipe plug with a ¼" hole in it may be inserted into the outlet port of the Air and Vacuum Valve to limit the amount of air drawn back into the vacuum tank.
3. Open Drain Valve B.
4. Connect the Backflush Hose C to Valve D.
5. Backflush for 2 – 3 minutes (or as long as it takes to flush out all the sediment).
6. Close Valve D.
7. Transfer the hose to Quick Disconnect E and flush for 1 minute.
8. After backflushing, close Isolation Valve A.
9. Remove Backflush Hose C and vent pressure in the valve thru Valve D.
10. Remove cover bolts (4) and remove the cover (2).

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### Maintenance/Backflushing *(Continued)*

11. Visually inspect the valve interior. If grease deposits interfere with the valve operation, scrap out grease deposits.
12. If the valve was leaking thru the Outlet Port during backflushing, replace the seat (6) and needle (7) before replacing the cover (2).
13. Replace cover (2) and cover bolts (4).  
**Note:** If cover gasket (3) is damaged, replace cover gasket.
14. Close Drain Valve B.
15. Slowly open Isolation Valve A to place valve back in service.

### Disassembly Procedure

See Figures 1 and 2 for part identification.



#### **WARNING!**

**Servicing the Air Valve while the pipeline is under pressure can cause personal injury or equipment damage. Relieve pipeline pressure or shut off isolation valve before servicing the Air Valve.**

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1. Relieve pipeline pressure or shut off isolation valve at inlet to Air Valve.



#### **WARNING!**

**Do not completely remove pipe plug or cover screws while the valve is under pressure.**

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2. Loosen pipe plug in cover (2) to relieve internal pressure. **Do not completely remove pipe plug while the valve is under pressure.**
3. Remove cover screws (4) and cover (2).

**Note:** All internals are attached to the cover.

4. If cover gasket (3) is torn or damaged, clean flange surfaces of cover (2) and body (1).
5. Inspect sealing surface of needle (7) and seat (6) for nicks, wear or sediment coating from chemicals in the media.
6. Clean or replace needle (7) and seat (6).
7. Inspect float (14) to insure that it is not damaged or that it does not have liquid in it.
8. Inspect all connections of linkage for excessive wear.
9. Clean all surfaces before re-assembly.

**Maintenance** *(Continued)****Assembly Procedure***

See Figures 1 and 2 for part identification.

1. Re-assemble in the opposite order as disassembly procedure.
2. Assemble cover (2) to body (1), installing new gasket (3) if necessary. Tighten cover screws (4) opposite each other in rotation.
3. Tighten pipe plug in cover (2).
4. Open isolation valve on inlet to Air Valve. Valve is now back in service.

**Operation*****Sewage Air Release Valves***

Sewage Air Release Valves release small amounts of air from the force main automatically and closes on liquid level rise. This valve is designed to operate under pressure.

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### Drawings

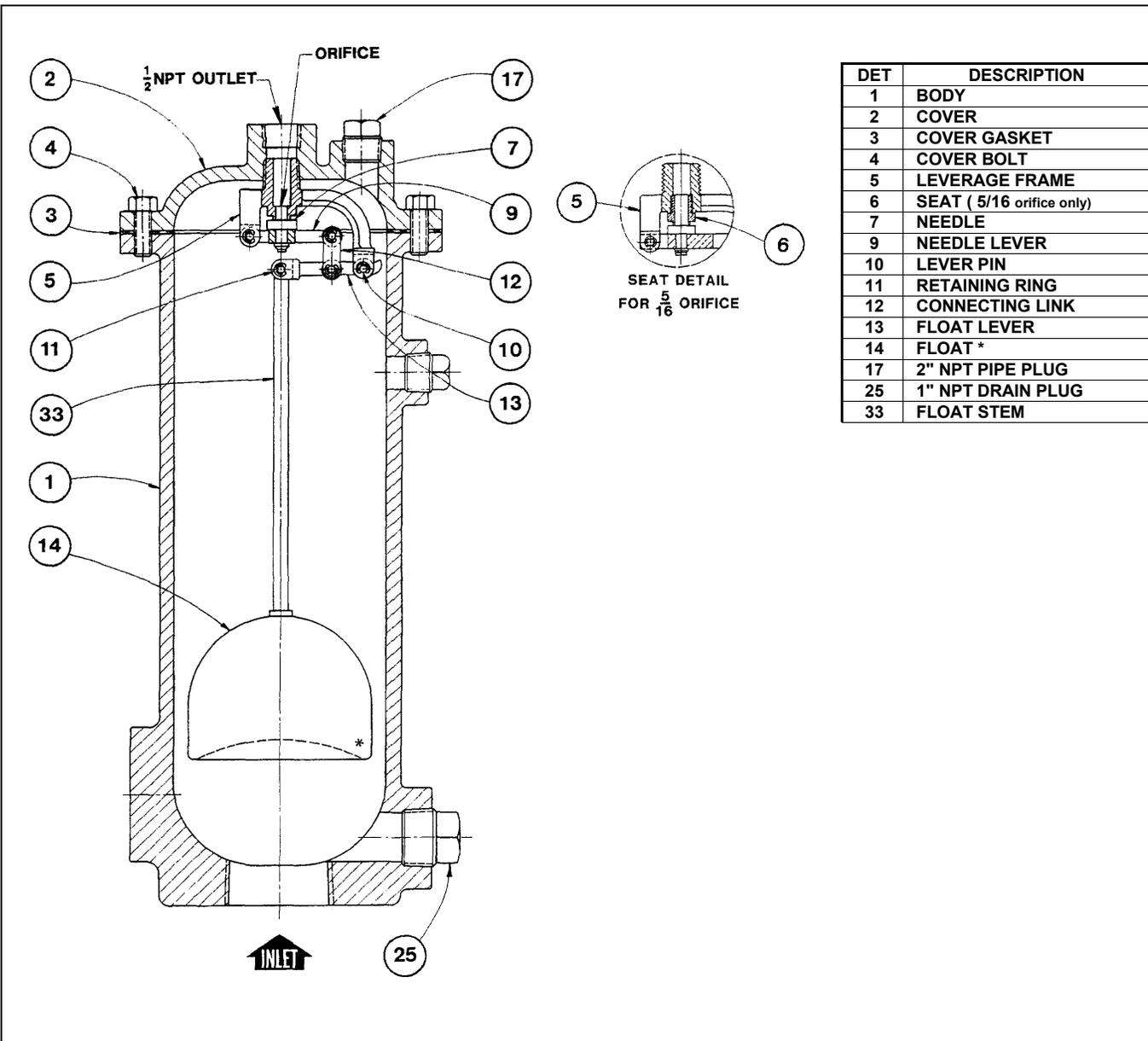
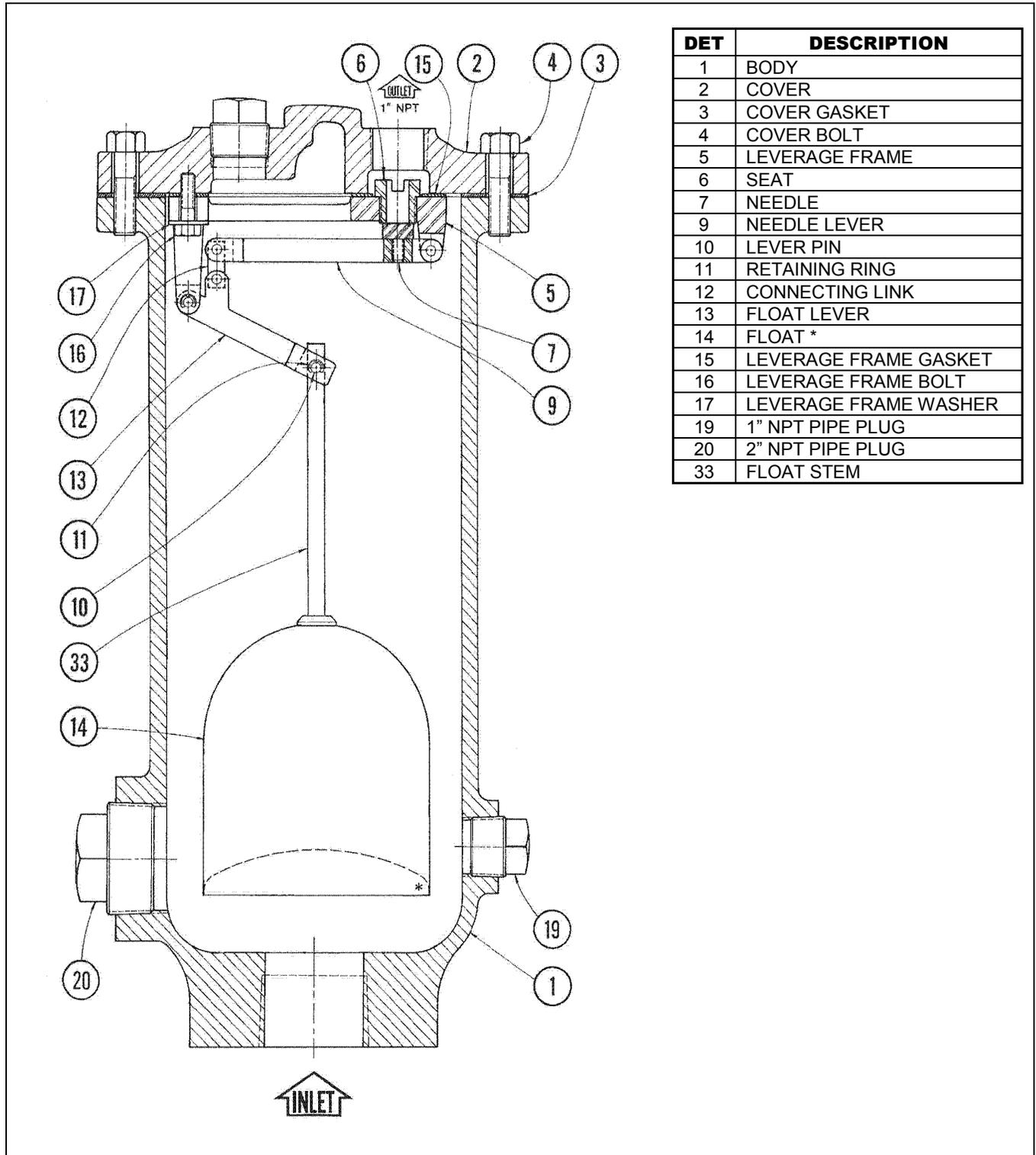


Figure 1: ASR-400 Part Identification

**Drawings (Continued)**



DET	DESCRIPTION
1	BODY
2	COVER
3	COVER GASKET
4	COVER BOLT
5	LEVERAGE FRAME
6	SEAT
7	NEEDLE
9	NEEDLE LEVER
10	LEVER PIN
11	RETAINING RING
12	CONNECTING LINK
13	FLOAT LEVER
14	FLOAT *
15	LEVERAGE FRAME GASKET
16	LEVERAGE FRAME BOLT
17	LEVERAGE FRAME WASHER
19	1" NPT PIPE PLUG
20	2" NPT PIPE PLUG
33	FLOAT STEM

**Figure 2: ASR-450 Part Identification**



**Troubleshooting**

<b>Condition</b>	<b>Possible Cause</b>	<b>Corrective Action</b>
Valve leaks out of Outlet port.	Dirty seat and/or needle.	Clean seat and/or needle.
	Dirty needle and/or orifice.	Clean needle and/or orifice.
	Worn seat and/or needle.	Replace seat and/or needle.
	Float linkage is dirty.	Clean float linkage.

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