

MPC1-1000 and MPC1-3000

User's Manual

Manual Conventions



(CAUTION) is used in throughout the manual to identify user warnings and cautions.



(NOTE) is used throughout the manual to identify operating and applications advice and additional explanations.



High pressure liquids and gases are potentially hazardous. Energy stored in these liquids and gases can be released unexpectedly and with extreme force. High pressure systems should be assembled and operated only by personnel who have been instructed in proper safety practices.

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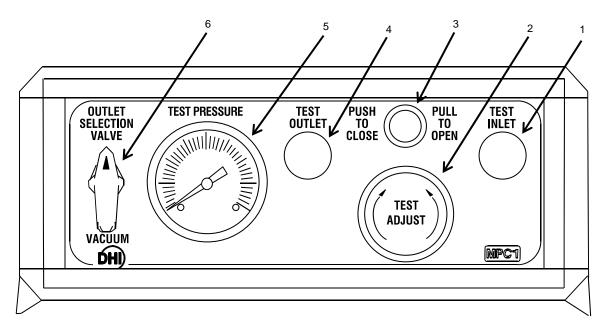
1. Introduction

1.1 PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The **DHI** Manually Operated Precision Pressure Controller (MPC1) is designed to provide a compact and easy to use system for manually setting and adjusting pressures between vacuum and 1 000 or 3 000 psi systems where precise pressure control is required.

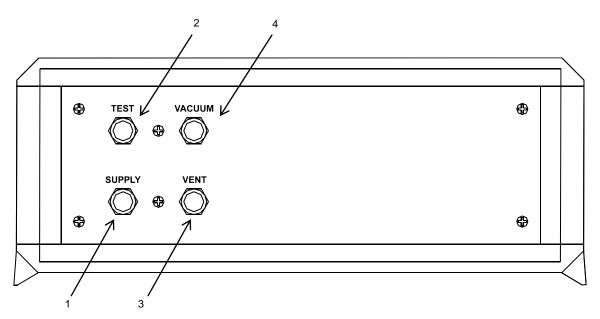
MPC1-1000 is for pressures to 1 000 psi (7 MPa), MPC1-3000 is for pressures to 3 000 psi (21 MPa).

1.2 LOCATION OF THE COMPONENTS



- Inlet Valve
- 2. Variable Volume
- 3. Equalization Valve
- 4. Outlet Valve
- 5. Pressure Gauge (1 000 or 3 000 psi)
- 6. Outlet Selection Valve

Figure 1. Front Panel



- Gas Supply Connection
- Test Connection
- Vent Connection
- Vacuum Connection

Figure 2. Back Panel

1.3 SPECIFICATIONS

Pressure Range: MPC1-1000: Vacuum to 1 000 psi (7 MPa)

MPC1-3000: Vacuum to 3 000 psi (21 MPa)

Pressure Supply: Equal to or greater than the maximum pressure desired

MPC1-1000: 1 200 psi (8 MPa) (maximum supply) MPC1-3000: 3 200 psi (22 MPa) (maximum supply) 1/8 in. NPT Female (Supply, Test, Vent, Vacuum)

Pressure Connections:

Dimensions: 320 mm x 172 mm x 370 mm (WxHxD)

(12.6 in. x 6.8 in. x 14.6 in.)

Weight: 5.65 kg (12.5 lbs.)

Due to the policy of continual product improvement all specifications are subject to change without notice.



2. Installation

2.1 UNPACKING AND INSPECTION

The MPC1 is delivered with the inlet valve closed, exhaust valve open and the variable volume (VV) fully screwed in. Cap plugs are pushed into all rear panel pressure connections.

2.2 SITE REQUIREMENTS

- Gas supply up to maximum amount for model used
- · Vacuum source is necessary

2.3 INITIAL SETUP

The MPC1 should be connected to a suitable source of clean, dry, non-corrosive gas using a 1/8 in. NPT male connector to supply (1) on the rear panel. Using the same type connector, hook up the test system to (2), vacuum source to (4), and any external venting tubing to (3) required to the corresponding connections on the rear panel. See Figure 2.

The front feet can be folded out to tilt the unit up if desired.

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3. OPERATION

3.1 GENERAL OPERATING PRINCIPLES AND INFORMATION

3.1.1 MPC1

This instrument manually controls pressures from vacuum to 1 000 psi (7 MPa) (MPC1-1000) or vacuum to 3 000 psi (21 MPa) (MPC1-3000) through the use of valves, a variable volume (VV) pump and a pressure gauge. Fittings for an outside source of pressure and vacuum are located on the back panel as are a test connection and vent port. When pressures (both positive and negative) are needed that are beyond the ability of the VV to generate by itself, an outside supply of pressure and/or vacuum is required.

The test inlet valve is plumbed directly to the test connection and the high pressure chamber of the VV. Opening this valve regardless of the position of the equalization valve will result in an increase of pressure in the test system when pressure is applied to the valve. THIS MAY RESULT IN AN OVER PRESSURE CONDITION OF THE TEST INSTRUMENT. PLEASE USE CAUTION WHEN OPERATING THE TEST INLET VALVE.

3.1.2 **VALVES**

Two types of valves (needle and ball) are used in the MPC1. Two needle valves are used to control large changes between pressures. A ball valve is used to select between a vacuum source or an atmospheric reference (vent).

3.1.3 VARIABLE VOLUME (VV)

This is a vessel whose internal volume may be changed by rotating a knob that moves an internal piston. Attached to the top of the VV is a push/pull equalize valve that is designed to isolate the low and high sides of the piston, provide protection to the unit itself, and ensure ease of operation.

The VV is used to adjust the pressure (and/or piston position when used with a piston gauge) by rotating the knob in the proper direction when the equalization valve is closed. Before using the test inlet or test outlet valve, open the equalization valve. To open the equalization valve, pull it outward; to close, push it inward.

When using the VV, it is useful to put its piston in the optimum position based on the intent of use. Under most operating conditions, the piston is placed in its mid-stroke position (about 16 rotations of the knob from either stop). This will allow for equal movement, forward and backward, of the piston. When a maximum increase or decrease of pressure is required, especially at low pressures, place the VV knob at the stop limit (either clockwise for maximum vacuum or counter-clockwise for maximum pressure).

The VV is designed to operate with a maximum differential pressure of 150 psi (1 MPa) across the piston. When differential pressures exceed 150 psi (1 MPa), the equalization valve will automatically open reducing the differential pressure to zero. This is a safety feature intended to prevent damage to the VV. The value of 150 psi (1 MPa) is factory set and cannot be changed.

3.1.4 PRESSURE GAUGE

There is a zero to 1 000 psi (7 MPa) or zero to 3 000 psi (21 MPa) dial gauge connected to the test pressure circuit which has a dual function.

- As a safety device since it is important for the operator to know the value of system pressure at all times
- As a means for the operator to properly control pressure changes

3.2 SETTING ZERO GAUGE PRESSURE (VENTED)

- Close test inlet valve (1).
- Place outlet selection valve (6) to VENT position.
- Open test outlet valve (4).
- Open pressure equalization valve (3) (pull valve outward).

3.3 SETTING POSITIVE GAUGE PRESSURE (ABOVE ATMOSPHERE)

All of the following procedures instruct the operator to open the equalization valve prior to opening the test inlet and outlet valves. THIS IS A SAFETY PRECAUTION.

It is possible to adjust the pressure in the test circuit using the test inlet valve without opening the equalization valve. However, this should be done ONLY WHEN THE OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM AND THE CONSEQUENCES ARE UNDERSTOOD BY THE OPERATOR. Refer to Sections 3.1, 6.1 and 6.2 for more information.

3.3.1 **INCREASING PRESSURE**

- Place outlet selection valve (6) to VENT position.
- 2 Close test outlet valve (4).
- For small pressure changes, it may be possible to reach the desired pressure using the VV only, proceed to Step 6 below.
- Open pressure equalization valve (3) (pull valve outward).
- 🎜 OPENING THIS VALVE MAY RESULT IN A SUDDEN CHANGE IN THE TEST PRESSURE. Ensure conditions are such that this either does not happen or that its effects are inconsequential.
- Place VV piston (2) at appropriate position, see Section 3.1.3.
- Open test inlet valve (1) until the approximate desired pressure is reached. Care should be taken not to overrange the test.
- **6** Close equalization valve (push valve inward).
- Adjust VV knob until desired pressure is obtained (or until the piston floats when connected to a piston gauge).
- Maximum differential pressure across the VV piston is 150 psi (1 MPa). Pressures above 150 psi (1 MPa) will automatically open the equalization valve
- To continue increasing pressures, repeat Step
 or
 shown above.

3.3.2 DECREASING PRESSURE



- Open pressure equalization valve (3) (pull valve outward).
- OPENING THIS VALVE MAY RESULT IN A SUDDEN CHANGE IN THE TEST PRESSURE. Ensure conditions are such that this either does not happen or that its effects are inconsequential.
- Place VV piston (2) at appropriate position, see Section 3.1.3.
- Open test outlet valve (4) until the approximate desired pressure is reached.
- Oclose equalization valve (push valve inward).
- Adjust VV knob until desired pressure is obtained (or until the piston floats when connected to a piston gauge).
- To continue decreasing pressures, repeat Step
 or
 shown above.

3.4 SETTING NEGATIVE GAUGE PRESSURE (BELOW ATMOSPHERE)

3.4.1 DECREASING PRESSURE

- Close test outlet valve (4).
- 2 Rotate outlet selector valve (6) to vacuum position.
- For small pressure changes, it may be possible to reach the desired pressure using the VV only, proceed to Step 3 below.
- Open pressure equalization valve (3) (pull valve outward).
- OPENING THIS VALVE MAY RESULT IN A SUDDEN CHANGE IN THE TEST PRESSURE. Ensure conditions are such that this either does not happen or that its effects are inconsequential.
- Place VV piston (2) at appropriate position, see Section 3.1.3.
- With a vacuum source connected to the vacuum port, open test outlet valve until the approximate desired pressure is reached.
- **6** Close equalization valve (push valve inward).
- Adjust VV knob until desired pressure is obtained (or until the piston floats when connected to a piston gauge).
- **⑤** To continue decreasing pressures, repeat Step **⑤** or **⑥** shown above.

3.4.2 INCREASING PRESSURE

- Close test outlet valve (4).
- 2 Rotate outlet selector valve (6) to vent position.
- For small pressure changes, it may be possible to reach the desired pressure using the W only, proceed to Step 6 below.
- Open pressure equalization valve (3) (pull valve outward).
- OPENING THIS VALVE MAY RESULT IN A SUDDEN CHANGE IN THE TEST PRESSURE.

 Ensure conditions are such that this either does not happen or that its effects are inconsequential.
- Place VV piston (2) at appropriate position, see Section 3.1.3.
- Open test outlet valve until the approximate desired pressure is reached.
- 6 Close equalization valve (push valve inward).
- Adjust VV knob until desired pressure is obtained (or until the piston floats).
- To continue increasing pressures, repeat Step
 or
 shown above.

3.5 SETTING ABSOLUTE PRESSURE

3.5.1 INCREASING PRESSURE

- Close test outlet valve (4).
- Place outlet selection valve (6) to vacuum position.
- Set pressure below atmosphere (if pressures below atmosphere are not required go to next step).
- Open pressure equalization valve (3) (pull valve outward).
- Place VV piston (2) at appropriate position, see Section 3.1.3.
- Open test outlet valve until the approximate desired pressure is reached.
- Close equalization valve (push valve inward).
- Adjust VV knob until desired pressure is obtained (or until the piston floats when connected to a piston gauge).

- For additional pressures below atmosphere go to Step •.
- For small pressure changes, it may be possible to reach the desired pressure using the VV only, proceed to Step **B**.
- Open pressure equalization valve (pull valve outward).
- OPENING THIS VALVE MAY RESULT IN A SUDDEN CHANGE IN THE TEST PRESSURE.

 Ensure conditions are such that this either does not happen or that its effects are inconsequential.
- Place VV piston at appropriate position, see Section 3.1.3.
- Open test inlet valve (1) until the approximate desired pressure is reached. Care should be taken not to overrange the test.
- © Close equalization valve (push valve inward).
- Adjust VV knob until desired pressure is obtained (or until the piston floats when connected to a piston gauge).
- Maximum differential pressure across the VV piston is 150 psi (1 MPa). Pressures above 150 psi (1 MPa) will automatically open the equalization valve.
- To continue increasing pressures, repeat Step •.

3.5.2 DECREASING PRESSURE

- For small pressure changes, it may be possible to reach the desired pressure using the VV only, see Step 5 below.
- Open pressure equalization valve (3) (pull valve outward).
- OPENING THIS VALVE MAY RESULT IN A SUDDEN CHANGE IN THE TEST PRESSURE. Ensure conditions are such that this either does not happen or that its effects are inconsequential
- Place VV piston (2) at appropriate position, see Section 3.1.3.
- Open test outlet valve (4) until the approximate desired pressure is reached.
- Close equalization valve (push valve inward).
- Adjust VV knob until desired pressure is obtained (or until the piston floats when connected to a piston gauge).
- **6** To continue decreasing pressures, repeat Step **9**.

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4. MAINTENANCE AND ADJUSTMENTS

No special maintenance or adjustments are required for the MPC1.

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5. TROUBLESHOOTING

GENERAL INFORMATION

The MPC1 consists of three valves: a variable volume (VV), a pressure gauge and various tubing and fittings. Several predictable problems can arise while using the instrument and are addressed in this section. It is recommended that whomever performs the following troubleshooting procedures become familiar with the system schematic (see Section 6.1) including the VV description (see Section 6.2).

For problems not covered in this section, or direct technical assistance and/or for ordering information on replacement components, please contact the Technical Service Department.

5.2 IFAKS



Pressure leaks are the most common problem found in pressure handling equipment. Normally, the first step is to determine if the leak is within the MPC1 or if it is outside of the unit.

To determine if the leak is within the MPC1, you must disconnect the unit at the test connection and plug it. Establish similar conditions under which the leak was observed and determine if the leak is still present. For small leaks, it may be necessary to install an appropriate pressure sensing device at the test port, user discretion required. In some cases, it is useful to perform simple leak checks on the most common outside sources before disconnecting the test system.



Leaks inside the MPC1 are unusual unless there has been some disassembly.

Because of the close fitting components and short tubing runs, some users may find it beneficial to return the MPC1 to **DHI** for repair rather than perform the troubleshooting and repair themselves. To do so, contact **DHI** Technical Service.

More than one leak can exist in a system so fixing one does not guarantee a leak tight system. Therefore, continue executing the troubleshooting procedures until all leaks are located and corrected. Since a troubleshooting guide that will cover every conceivable possibility is impractical, the source of your leak may not be shown here.

There are four possible leak conditions:

- A leak causing a pressure increase when system pressure is above atmosphere
- A leak causing a pressure decrease when system pressure is above atmosphere
- A leak causing a pressure increase when system pressure is below atmosphere
- A leak causing a pressure decrease when system pressure is below atmosphere

A common reaction to a system leak is to close a particular valve more tightly. Although a valve may not have been completely closed, care should be used when attempting to do so. Repeatedly overtightening a valve may result in premature failure.

If a procedure requires you to tighten a leaky fitting, there are two precautions that need to be observed. First, never tighten a fitting while it is under pressure. If pressure is in the system and the fitting should fail while tightening it, there is a possibility of injury. Second, do not overtorque the compression type fittings that are inside the MPC1. Overtorquing these fittings will damage them requiring their replacement.

5.2.1 PRESSURE INCREASE LEAK (ABOVE ATMOSPHERE)

Only three conditions within the MPC1 can cause this type of leak:

- 1. A damaged or improperly closed test inlet valve (1) when a pressure source is connected.
- 2. A leaking VV piston O-ring.
- 3. A leaking or improperly closed equalization valve (3).
- 1. is the most probable cause. Check if the valve is properly closed, use caution not to overtorque the valve. If an upward leak is still present, remove the source pressure from the supply connection and observe conditions. If pressure begins to drop, use a leak detection liquid at the supply fitting. If bubbles are present, replace or repair the test inlet valve.
- 2. and 3. can only cause an upward leak if the pressure in the front chamber of the VV is above that in the test circuit. Generate a pressure in the front chamber by closing the equalization valve (push in) and rotating the VV knob counter-clockwise.



The pressure in the test circuit will decrease. Wait for pressure to stabilize. If pressure rises, check to see if the equalization valve is properly closed. If pressure continues to increase, open equalization valve. Wait for pressure to stabilize. If pressure stops increasing, have W serviced.

5.2.2 PRESSURE DECREASE LEAK (ABOVE ATMOSPHERE)

This is the most common leak condition and can be caused by a variety of components and fittings. The first step is to isolate the leak to a particular area within the MPC1.

Establish the conditions under which the leak occurs. After doing so, close the test outlet valve, position the outlet selection valve to VENT and open the equalization valve (pull out). Wait for the pressure to stabilize (about 1 to 5 minutes). Close the equalization valve (push in). If the indication of the leak is gone, see Steps • through • below. If the leak is still present, go to Section 4.

• If the pressure drop is gone, the leak is downstream of the equalization valve stem seal. Possible sources include the low pressure side of the VV, low pressure side of the equalization valve, the test outlet valve and the fittings between the two valves.

To check the test outlet valve for a leak past the seat, look for gas at the vent fitting on the unit's back panel using a leak detection fluid. If a leak is present, the test outlet valve is not properly closed or is damaged. Tighten, repair or replace the valve as needed.

- If the leak is not found at the vent port, check the fittings between the equalization valve and the outlet valve. Remove the top cover of the MPC1 and check the appropriate fittings using a leak detection fluid. If a leak is present, carefully tighten or replace the leaky fitting(s). Refer to Section 5.2 for information about tightening a leaky fitting.
- If the leak is not present at the fittings, it is most likely in the VV. To confirm that the leak is in the VV, remove it from the MPC1 and connect all tubing together. Repeat leak check on the MPC1. If leak is gone, the VV needs to be repaired.
- Most leaks are located in either the VV, gauge, filter and/or in the connecting tubing including the test inlet and equalization valve. It is also possible, though unlikely, for the leak to be in the test inlet valve. This can only happen if the supply pressure is below the test pressure. To check, reduce the test pressure to below the supply pressure. If the leak is gone or if the leak reverses direction, then the problem is in the test inlet valve. Tighten, repair or replace the valve as needed.
- Remove the top cover. Check all the fittings within the suspected circuit using a leak detection fluid. If a leak is present, carefully tighten or replace the leaky fitting(s). Refer to Section 5.2 for information about tightening a leaky fitting.

If no leaks are found, depressurize the system and disconnect the gauge tube at the tee located near the test port and plug the tee (refer to Section 6.1). Repeat the leak check. If the leak is gone, the leak is in the gauge or the disconnected fitting. Replace the fitting and/or repair or replace the gauge.

If the leak is still present, depressurize the system and remove the VV. Connect the test inlet valve to the tubing that was connected to the rear of the VV. Repeat the leak check. If the leak is gone, the leak is in the VV or the disconnected fittings. Replace the fittings and/or repair the VV.

The above steps have resulted in the checking of all items within the MPC1 that could cause a leak. If you have not located the leak, repeat the steps or contact **DHI** Technical Service for additional assistance.

5.2.3 PRESSURE INCREASE LEAK (BELOW ATMOSPHERE)

This type of leak is similar to Section 5.2.2 and can be caused by the same components and fittings. However, it is much more difficult to locate since it is not possible to use leak detection fluid. It is often useful to pressurize the system above atmosphere and find the leak using the procedures outlined in Section 5.2.2 since a vacuum leak can often be found under pressure conditions. However, sometimes a leak under vacuum conditions does not exist under positive pressure conditions.

If the leak cannot be found with a positive pressure, it is recommended the MPC1 be returned to **DHI** for repair. If it cannot be returned, proceed as outlined below.

First, isolate the leak to a particular area within the MPC1. Establish the conditions under which the leak occurs. Then close the test outlet valve, position the outlet selection valve to VACUUM and open the equalization valve (pull out). Wait for the pressure to stabilize (about 1 to 2 minutes). Close the equalization valve (push in). If the leak is gone, go to Step ①. If the leak is still present, go to Step ②.

- If the pressure drop is gone, the leak is between the equalization valve stem seal and the test outlet valve. Possible sources include the low pressure side of the VV, low pressure side of the equalization valve and/or the fittings between the two valves.
 - Remove the top cover. Remove the connecting tube between the equalization valve and the test outlet valve. Inspect the fittings and tube ends for damage. Replace any damaged parts and reassemble. Check for leaks. If the leak is still present, return the MPC1 for repair.
- Most leaks are located in either the VV, gauge, filter and/or in the connecting tubing including between the test inlet and equalization valve. Remove the top cover. Disconnect the gauge tube at the tee located near the test port and plug the tee (refer to Section 6.1). Repeat the leak check. If the leak is gone, the leak is in the gauge or the disconnected fitting. Replace the fitting and/or repair or replace the gauge.

Check all the fittings within the suspected circuit by disconnecting and inspecting them. Replace any damaged fittings. Reassemble and leak check. If the leak is still present, return the MPC1 to **DHI** Technical Service for repair.

PRESSURE DECREASE LEAK (BELOW ATMOSPHERE) 5.2.4

Only three conditions within the MPC1 can cause this type of leak:

- 1. A damaged or improperly closed test outlet valve when a vacuum source is connected and the outlet selection valve is in the vacuum position.
- 2. A leaking VV piston O-ring.
- A leaking or improperly closed equalization valve.
- 1. is the most probable cause. Check if the valve is properly closed; use caution not to overtorque the valve. If an upward leak is still present, position the outlet selection valve to OFF. If the leak stops, replace or repair the test outlet valve.
- 2. and 3. can only cause a leak of this type if the pressure in the front chamber of the VV is below that in the test circuit. Reduce the pressure in the front chamber by closing the equalization valve (push in) and rotate the VV knob clockwise.



The pressure in the test circuit will increase. Wait for pressure to stabilize. If pressure begins to drop, check to see if the equalization valve is properly closed. If pressure continues to drop, open equalization valve. Wait for pressure to stabilize. If pressure leak stops, have W serviced.

5.3 TEST PRESSURE WILL NOT CHANGE

There are three components involved in changing the pressure:

- Test Inlet Valve (1)
- Variable Volume (2)
- Test Outlet Valve (4) (in conjunction with the Outlet Selection Valve (6))



The MPC1 uses very small inside diameter control tubes. The purpose of the filters is to protect these tubes from contamination. Do NOT operate the MPC1 without an active filter element of less than a 0.5 micron rating.

5.3.1 TEST INLET VALVE

Two situations can cause a failure to change pressure when using the test inlet valve:

- 1. A problem with the supply pressure.
- 2. A plugged filter.

Check the supply and ensure that a gas supply actually exists at the supply port and the supply pressure is adequate to achieve maximum pressure needs. If the supply is OK, check the filter by removing the top cover and then removing the filter from the supply line. If the filter is plugged, disassemble and clean or replace the filter.

5.3.2 VARIABLE VOLUME (VV)

While using the VV to generate pressures it may appear under certain conditions to not be working when in fact it is. For example, when the system is at low pressure (typically below 20 psia) and working into a large volume. This is due to the compressibility of gases at low pressures which worsens as pressures decrease and volumes increase. Prevent this situation when evaluating the performance of the VV.

If pressure cannot be changed through the use of the VV, the problem is with the equalization valve, the VV piston O-ring or the filter connected to the VV rear plate. Confirm that the equalization valve is closed (pushed in).



The VV cannot change the pressure when the equalization valve is open. If pressures still cannot be changed, remove the top panel and the filter. Check the filter for a plugged condition, clean or replace as needed. If the VV still cannot change the test pressure, have it serviced.

5.3.3 TEST OUTLET VALVE

Three problems can cause the failure of the test outlet valve to change pressures:

- An incorrectly positioned outlet selection valve
- A closed equalization valve
- A plugged filter

Ensure the outlet selection valve is in the proper position for the work being done (either VENT or VACUUM). If the valve is in the OFF position, select VENT or VACUUM.

Ensure the equalization valve is open (pull out). If the valve was closed, be aware that a sudden change of pressure at the test can occur when the valve is opened.

To check if the filter is plugged, select the VACUUM position with the outlet selection valve. If the system begins to operate correctly the filter is most likely plugged; clean or replace as needed.

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This is caused by a partially plugged filter or a large connected volume. Remove and clean or replace the filter as needed.



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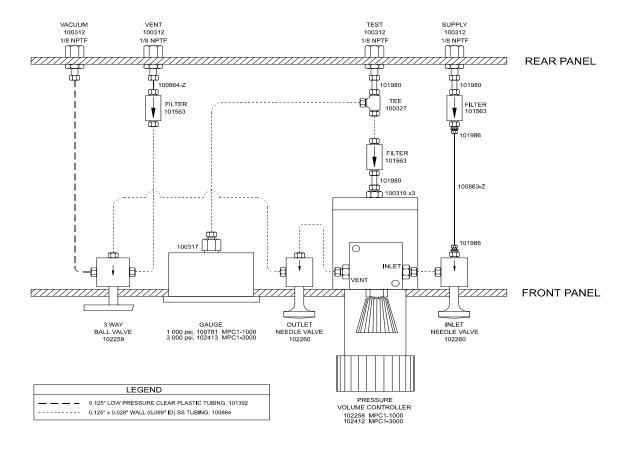
Pressure changes can be slow if a large external volume is connected to a MPC1. This condition is compounded by a low supply pressure. If the pressure changes are too slow due to a large external volume, reduce the volume.

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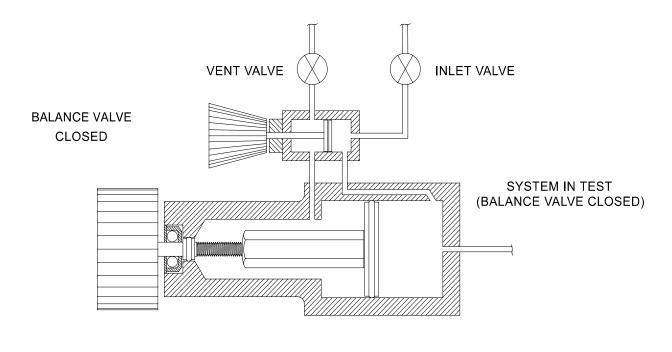


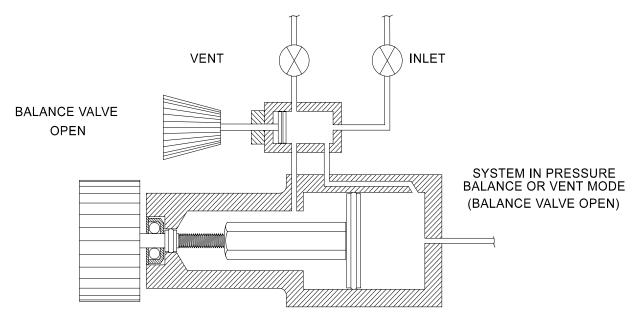
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6.1 PNEUMATIC SCHEMATIC



6.2 VARIABLE VOLUME INFORMATION





6.2.1 VARIABLE VOLUME SPECIFICATIONS

Table 1. Variable Volume Specifications

	MPC1-1000	MPC1-3000
Range	Vacuum to 1 000 psi (7 MPa)	Vacuum to 3 000 psi (21 MPa)
Proof	3 000 psi (21 MPa)	6 000 psi (42 MPa)
Burst	6 000 psi min (42 MPa)	12 000 psi min (84 MPa)
Total Volume	3.5 cu in. (57.5 cc)	2.5 cu in. (41 cc)
Revolutions for Total Volume	31	61

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