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The aim of the course is to see and understand the principles of operation of the diving equipment  
The course will cover various subject as maintenance and repair of regulators, valves, BCD's, cylinders and dry suit.

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The two most common units system used worldwide are:

- The International System of Units (or metric system)
- The British Imperial System (USA, UK, Myanmar)

# International System of Units

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The metric system is based on seven independant SI units.  
Every other quantities are derivated from those seven SI units.

| Base quantity       | Unit     | Symbol |
|---------------------|----------|--------|
| Length              | meter    | [m]    |
| Mass                | kilogram | [kg]   |
| Time                | second   | [s]    |
| Electric current    | Ampere   | [A]    |
| Temperature         | Kelvin   | [K]    |
| Amount of substance | mole     | [mol]  |
| Luminous intensity  | candela  | [cd]   |

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SI Units:

$$1[mm] \xrightarrow{x10} 1[cm] \xrightarrow{x10} 1[dm] \xrightarrow{x10} 1[m]$$

Imperial Units:

$$1[inch] \xrightarrow{x12} 1[foot] \xrightarrow{x3} 1[yard] \xrightarrow{x1760} 1[mile]$$

Conversion:

$$1[inch] = 2.54[cm]$$

$$1[foot] = 30.48[cm]$$

$$1[yard] = 0.914[cm]$$

$$1[mile] = 1.6[km]$$



# SI vs Imperial

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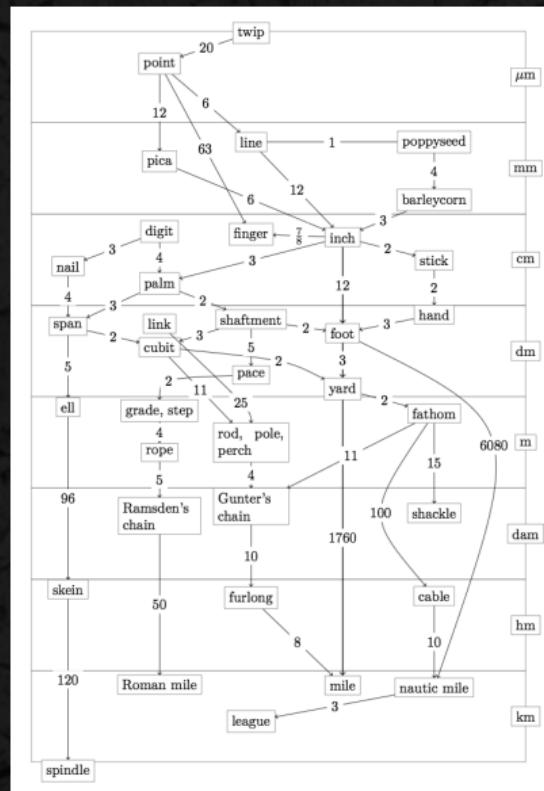
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SI:

$$1m \times 1m = 1[m^2]$$

$$1cm \times 1cm = 1[cm^2]$$

Imperial:

$$1" \times 1" = 1[sq\ in]$$

Conversion:

$$1[sq\ in] = 2.54 \times 2.54 = 6.45[cm^2]$$

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SI Units:

$$1[m] \times 1[m] \times 1[m] = 1[m^3]$$

$$1[dm] \times 1[dm] \times 1[dm] = 1[dm^3] = 1\text{ liter}$$

$$1[cm] \times 1[cm] \times 1[cm] = 1[cm^3]$$

Imperial:

$$1[inch] \times 1[inch] \times 1[inch] = 1'' \times 1'' \times 1'' = 1[cu\ in]$$

$$1[foot] \times 1[foot] \times 1[foot] = 1' \times 1' \times 1' = 1[cu\ ft]$$

Conversion:

$$1[cu\ ft] = 30.48 \times 30.48 \times 30.48 = 28.3[dm^3] = 28.3\text{ liter}$$

# Mass and weight

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Mass

$1\text{kg}$

$1\text{l}\text{bs}$

$1\text{m}^3$

$1\text{kg}$

$\approx 2.2\text{l}\text{bs}$

$\approx 0.45\text{kg}$

$1000\text{kg}$  of fresh water

$1030\text{kg}$  of salt water

$1.239\text{kg}$  of air

$\approx 9.81\text{N}$

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## Pascal

$1\text{Pa}$

$1\text{Newton}/m^2$

$0.1\text{kg}/m^2$

## Bar

$1\text{bar}$

$100'000\text{Pa}$

$0.1\text{MPa}$

$1\text{bar}$

$0.981\text{kg}/cm^2$

$\approx 1\text{kg}/cm^2$

## PSI

$1\text{PSI}$

$1\text{lb/sq}\text{i}$

$0.068\text{bar}$

$1\text{PSI}$

$0.45\text{kg}/6.45\text{cm}^2$

$14.5\text{PSI}$

$\rightarrow$

$1\text{bar}$

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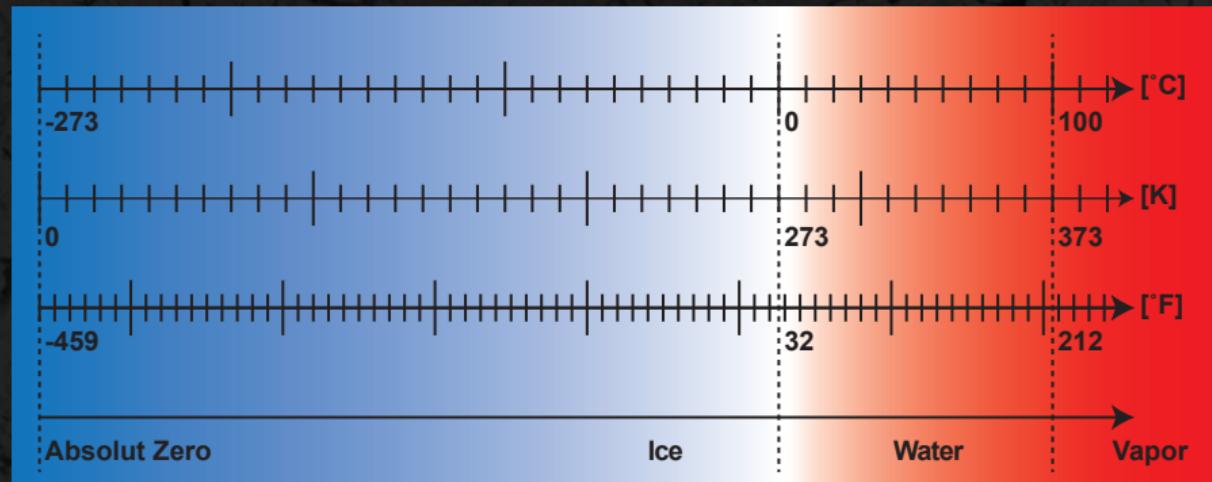
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Formulas:

$$[{}^{\circ}C] = [K] - 273$$

$$[K] = [{}^{\circ}C] + 273$$

$$[{}^{\circ}C] = \frac{5}{9} * ({}^{\circ}F) - 32$$

$${}^{\circ}F = \frac{9}{5} * [{}^{\circ}C] + 32$$

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78.084% Nitrogen ( $N_2$ )  
20.946% Oxygen ( $O_2$ )  
0.934% Argon ( $Ar$ )  
0.033% Carbon Monoxide ( $CO$ )  
0.003% Other gases

18.18ppm Neon ( $Ne$ )  
5.24ppm Helium ( $He$ )  
1.14ppm Krypton ( $Kr$ )  
0.09ppm Xenon ( $Xe$ )

# Breathing gases

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Nitrogen ( $N_2$ ) Narcotic

Oxygen ( $O_2$ ) Toxic at high  $ppO_2$

Helium ( $He$ ) Distortion of voice

Neon ( $Ne$ ) Dense, long decompression, expensive

Hydrogen ( $H$ ) Explosive with more than 4% of Oxygen

Argon ( $Ar$ ) Narcotic, dense, hard to breathe

Xenon ( $Xe$ ) Narcotic, anesthetic, expensive

# Gas mixing

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Nitrox Nitrogen and Oxygen

Heliox Helium and Oxygen

Trimix Oxygen, Helium and Nitrogen (ex; TMX 18/45)

Heliair Helium and Air ("Poor man's trimix")

Hydrox Hydrogen and Oxygen

Hydreliox Hydrogen, Helium and Oxygen

# Nitrogen ( $N_2$ )

- Diatomic ( $N_2$ )
- Physiological inert
- High Density
  - High respiratory effort at depth
- Narcotic effect
  - At high partial pressure ( $ppN_2 > 3.2$ )
- Decompression sickness
  - Unmetabolized by the body - Bubble formation
- Doesn't dissolve in water
  - but easily in grease and oil (fat tissue)

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- Decompression sickness
  - I Pain
  - II CNS (Central Nervous System) and pain
  - III Severe type I and II
  - Suffocation
  - Isobaric Counter Diffusion (Trimix)
  - IV Long term exposure
  - "Osteonecrosis" = bones' death

# Oxygen $O_2$

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- Diatomic ( $O_2$ )
- Support combustion
  - Violently at high pressure
- Essential for life
  - Not enough = Hypoxia
  - Too much = Hyperoxia
- Odorless, colorless, tasteless
- NON-flammable

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Anoxic No oxygen at all

Hypoxic Lower than normal partial pressure of oxygen

Normoxic Normal partial pressure of oxygen

Hyperoxic Higher partial pressure of oxygen

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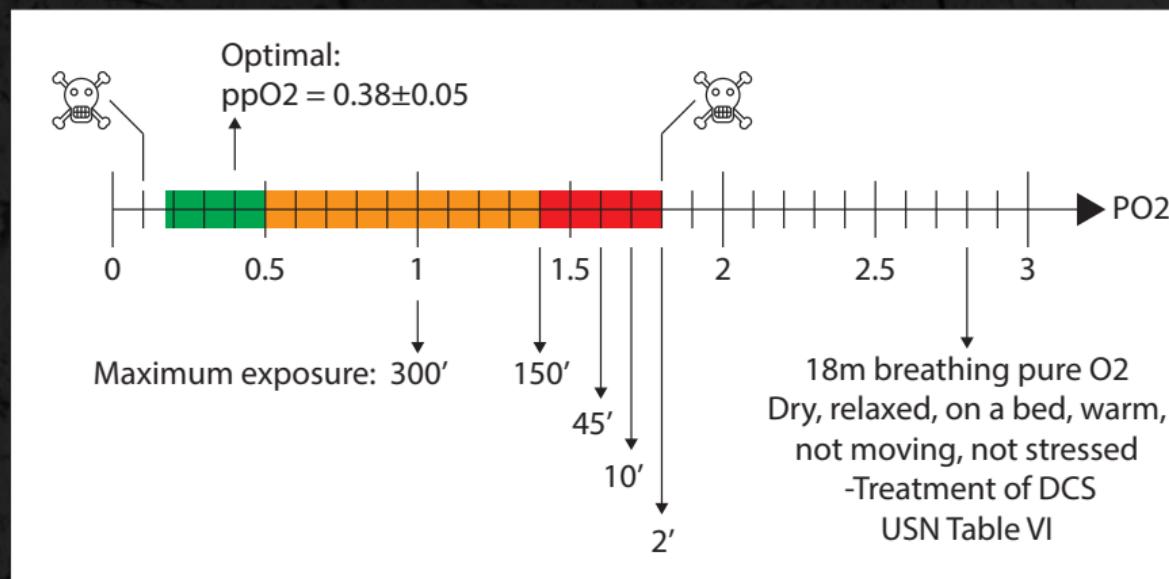
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- Waste product of the metabolism
- 5% respiratory problem
- 10% respiratory distress
- Enhanced by "Dead space"
- 1% of  $CO_2$  in the air double  $CO_2$  level in the blood at 40m

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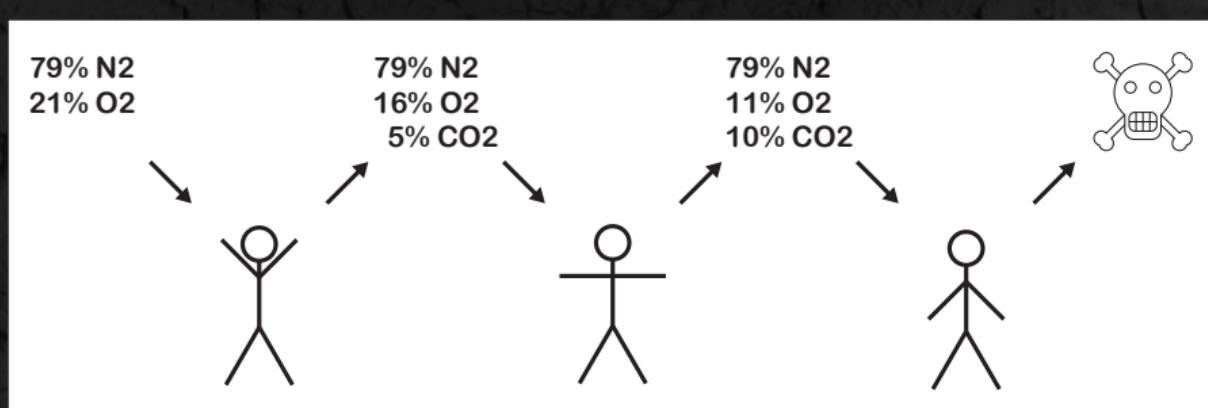
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# Carbon Monoxide (*CO*)

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- Extremely toxic
- Odorless, colorless, tasteless
- Product of combustion
  - Poor compressor lubrication
  - Poor compressor positioning
- Hemoglobin binds 300x easier with *CO* than with  $O_2$

# Helium (He)

- Substitut for Nitrogen  $N_2$  in deep diving
- Lower respiratory effort
- Reduce narcosis
- Rare gas = expensive!
- High thermal conductivity ( $\neq$ dry suit)
- HPNS:  
High Pressure Neurological Syndrom
- Special dive tables compulsory
- Limited in recreational diving (price)
- Rebreather more economical

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- Theo Mavrostomos
- Depth of -701m in recompression chamber
- Hydreliox  $0.5\%O_2 / 71.5\%He / 28\%H_2$
- Duration
  - 4 weeks of preparation pre-dive
  - 2 days at 10m
  - 13 days of compression to -675m
  - 3 days between -650 and -675m with a peak to -701m
  - 24 days of decompression

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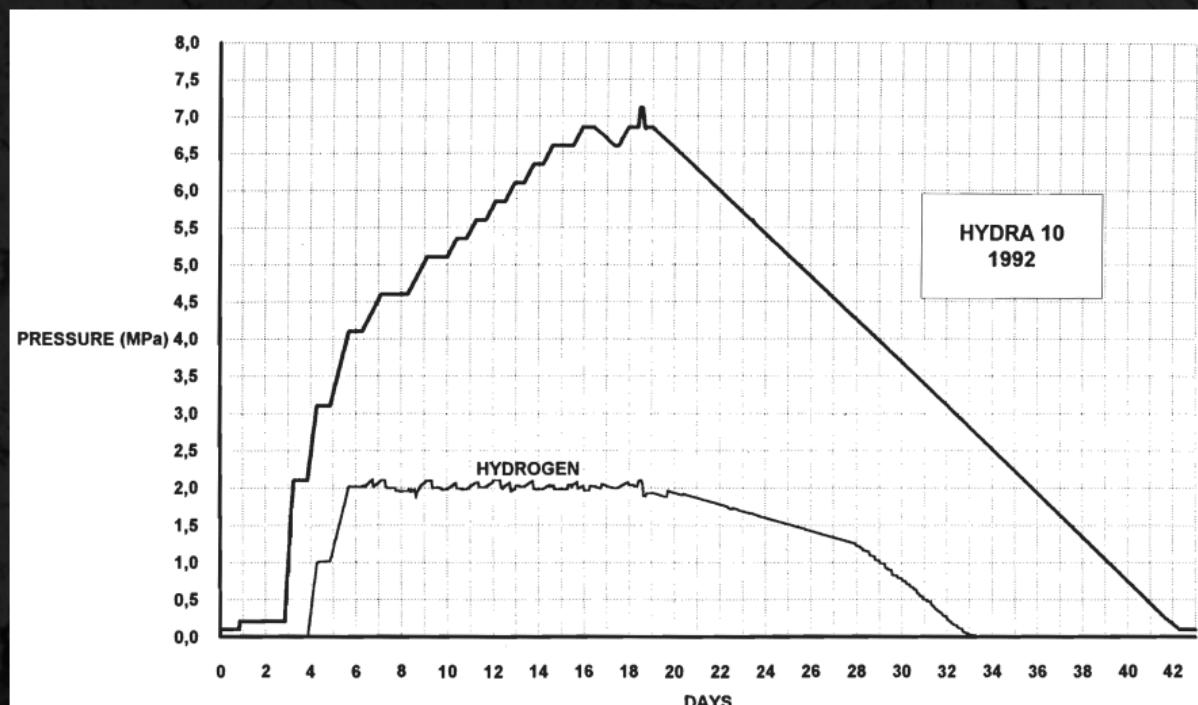
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- 183°C Oxygen's boiling point
- 196°C Nitrogen's boiling point
- 220°C Oxygen and Nitrogen are solid
- 273°C Absolut Zero (No particule is moving)

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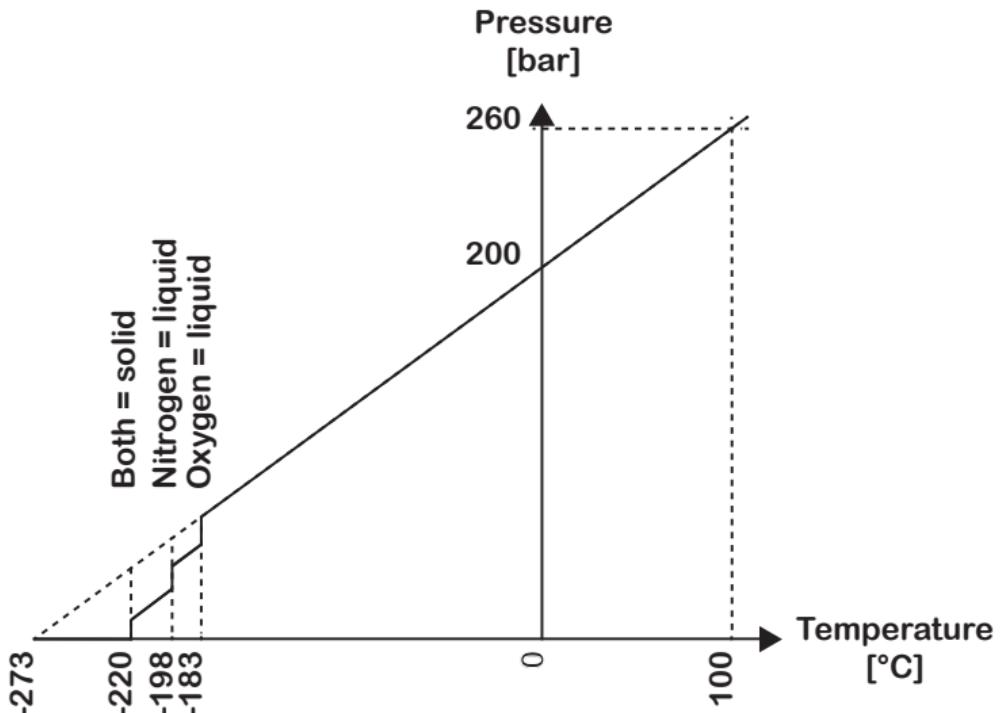
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Boyle-Mariotte's law

$$P \propto \frac{1}{V} \quad (T = \text{constant})$$

Charles' law

$$V \propto T \quad (P = \text{constant})$$

Gay-Lussac's law:

$$P \propto T \quad (V = \text{constant})$$

Ideal gas law

$$\frac{P_1 \times V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 \times V_2}{T_2}$$

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## Dalton's law

$$P = PP1 + PP2 + PP3 + \dots$$

## Joule-Thomson effect

- Phenomenon in which the temperature increases when a gas undergoes adiabatic compression

## Henry's law

- At constant temperature and at saturation, the amount of gas dissolve in a liquid is proportional to the partial pressure exerted by the gas on the liquid.

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- Change in ambient pressure (depth)
- Change in respiratory volume
- Increase in breathing rate
- Increase in air density
- Friction losses
- Tendency to freeze (Joules-Thompson effect)

# Standard EN250

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Depth:                 | 0-65m                                      |
| Respiratory rate:      | 0-25 inspirations/min                      |
| Respiratory volume:    | 2.5 liters                                 |
| Respiratory cycle:     | Sinusoidale                                |
| Inhalation resistance: | 25 mbar (10 inch of water)                 |
| Exhalation resistance: | 25 mbar (10 inch of water)                 |
| Work of breathing:     | 3.0 joules per litre                       |
| Storage temperature:   | -40°C to 80°C                              |
| Working temperature:   |  |
| 1. Cold water          | 0°C to 50°C                                |
| 2. Warm water          | 10°C to 50°C                               |
| Pressure:              | 35 – 200bar (A-Clamp)<br>35 – 300bar (DIN) |

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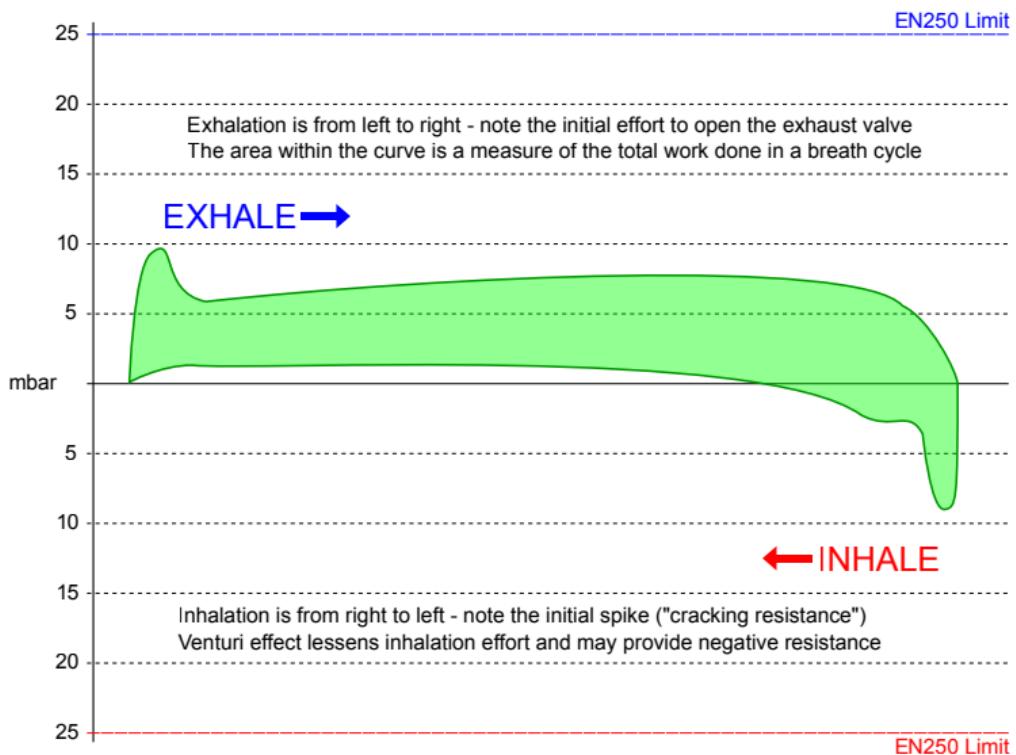
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- Compensation of ambient pressure
  - Linked to the depth
  - Increase the intermediate pressure
  - All regulators are made that way
- Compensation of pressure loss
  - Linked to the pressure in the tank
  - Reduced pressure in the cylinder causes a decrease in the intermediate pressure
  - Compensation to provide a stable pressure
  - Only some regulators (Balanced regulators)

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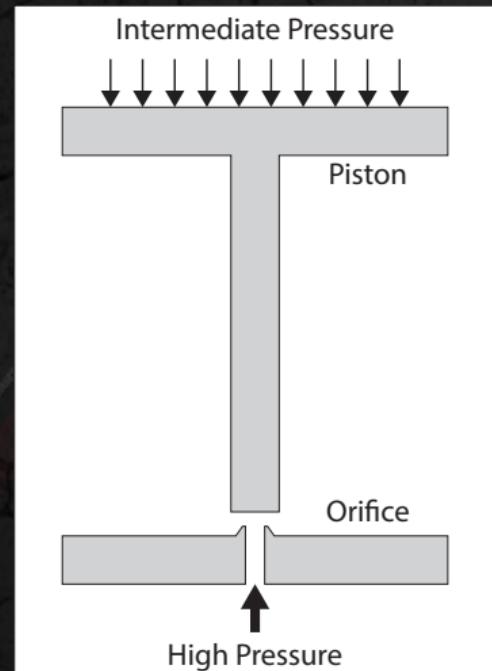
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The force exerted on an object depends on the surface and the pressure applied. To create a stable system, the forces at each end of the piston must be identical.



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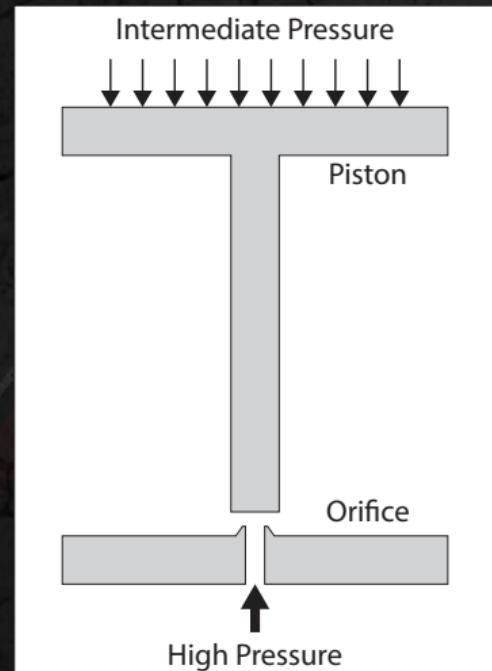
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When the intermediate pressure is high enough, the piston will close the orifice and the system will be stable.



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## Definitions:

$$D = \text{Diameter}[\text{cm}]$$

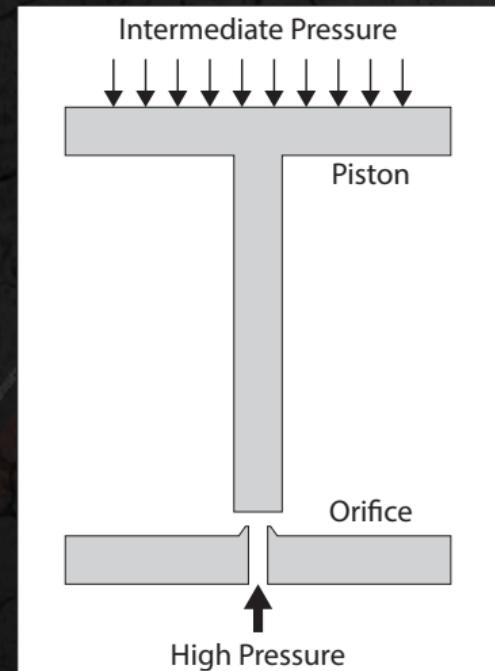
$$S = \text{Surface}[\text{cm}^2]$$

$$= \frac{\pi * D^2}{4}$$

$$P = \text{Pressure}[\text{bar}]$$

$$F = \text{Force}[\text{kg/cm}^2]$$

$$= P * S$$



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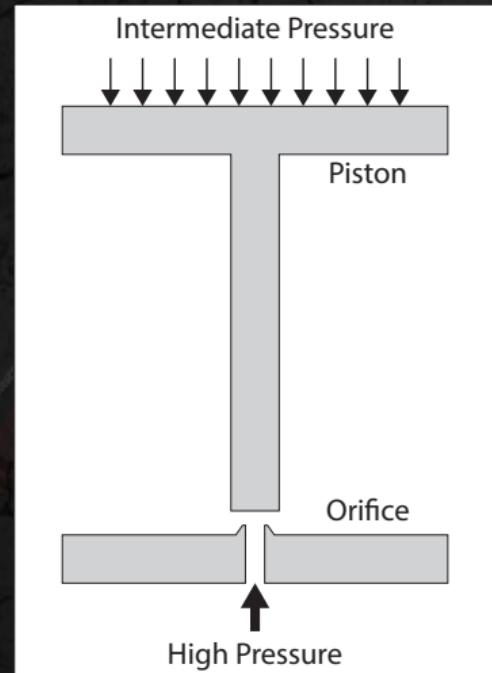
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Orifice:

$$D_{orifice} = 0.447 [cm]$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{orifice} &= \frac{\pi * 0.447^2}{4} \\ &= 0.157 [cm^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{orifice} &= 200 * 0.157 \\ &= 31.4 [kg/cm^2] \end{aligned}$$



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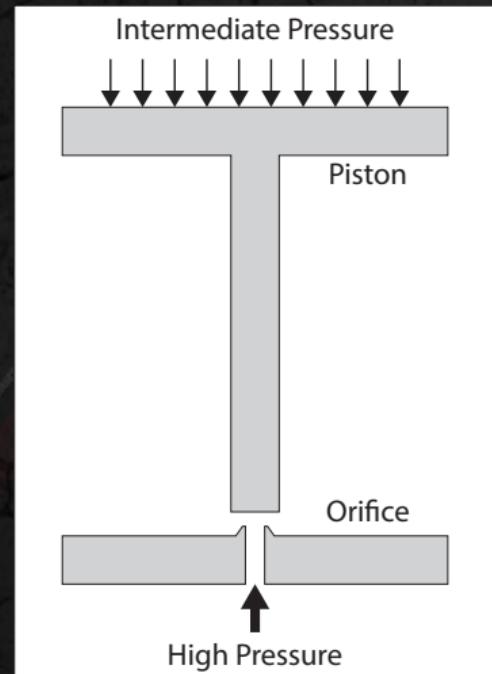
Piston:

$$D_{piston} = 2[cm]$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{piston} &= \frac{20 * D_p^2}{4} \\ &= 3.14[cm^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{piston} = F_{orifice}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{piston} &= \frac{F_p}{S_p} \\ &= \frac{31.4}{3.14} \\ &= 10[bar] \end{aligned}$$



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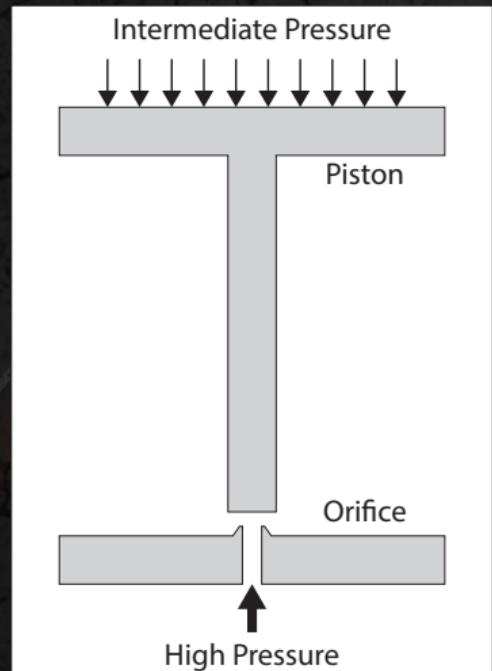
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## Problem:

- When the pressure in the tank decrease, the intermediate pressure will drop.
- This system in a pressure divider (ratio 1:20) and not a regulator.



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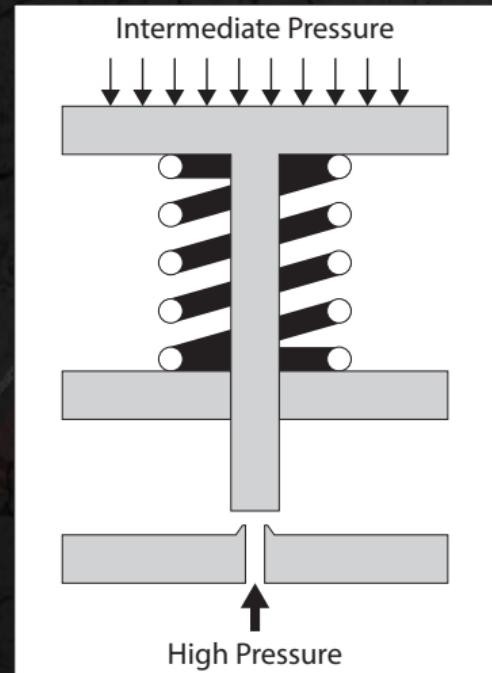
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To compensate the pressure drop in the tank, a spring is add to the system

$$F_{piston} = F_{orifice} + F_{spring}$$



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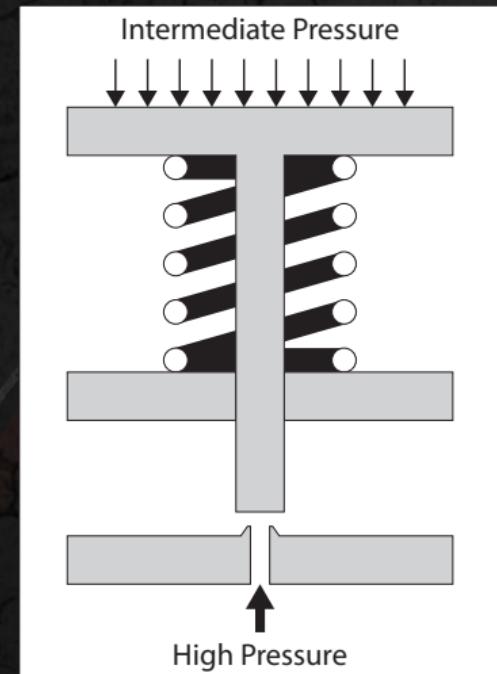
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The intermediate pressure can now be adjusted by changing the characteristics of the spring.



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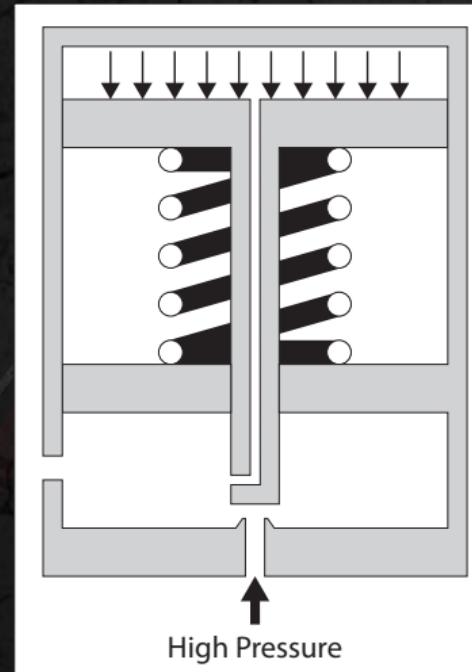
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Finally, the piston is drilled to allow the air to flow through to the other side.



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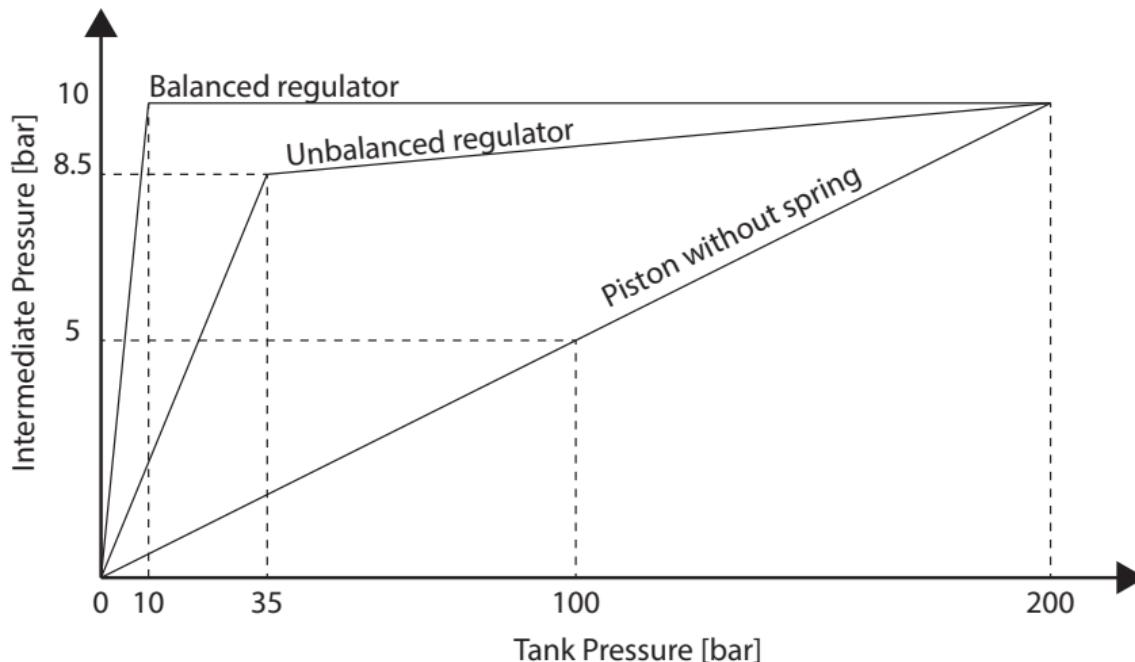
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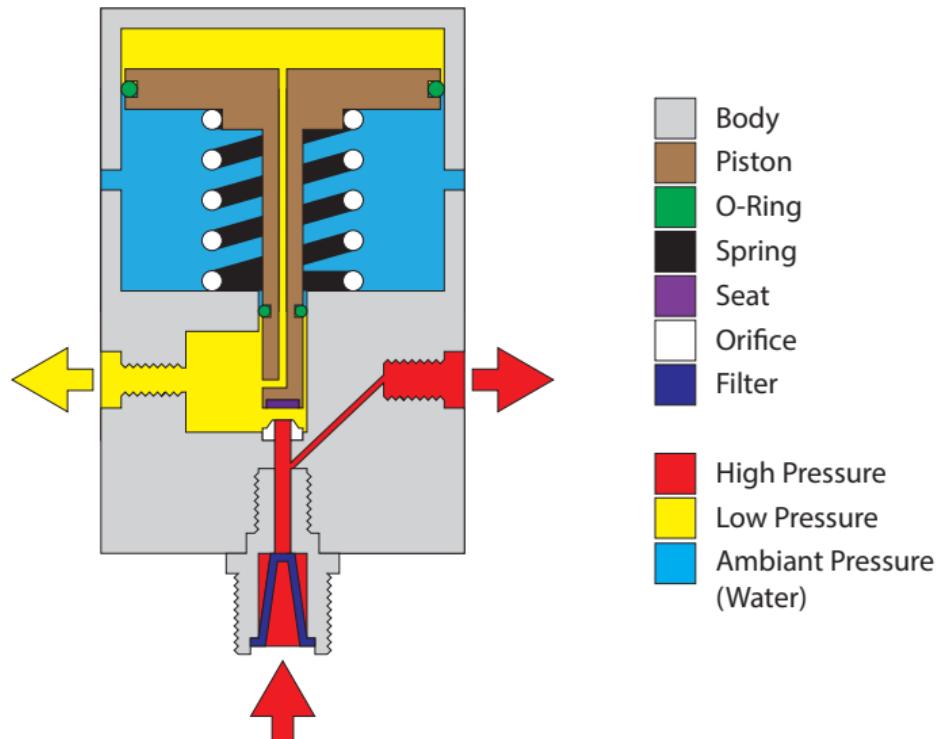
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- Pros

- Cheap
- Easy to service
- Strong and durable
- Perfect for dive school

- Cons

- Limited performances

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- Models
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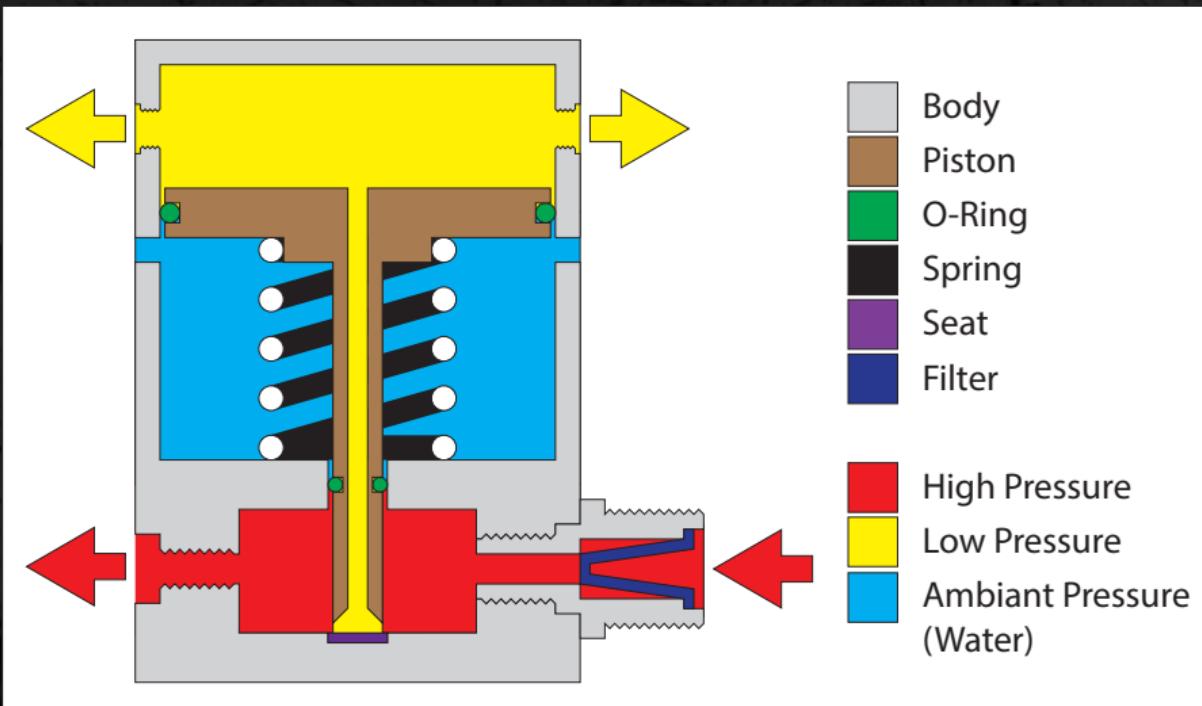
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- Pros

- Safe and reliable
- Excellent performance
- Strong

- Cons

- Expensive
- Prone to freeze ("flow-through" piston)
- Complicated to service

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- Models
  - Halcyon H-75P
  - Scubapro MK20, MK25

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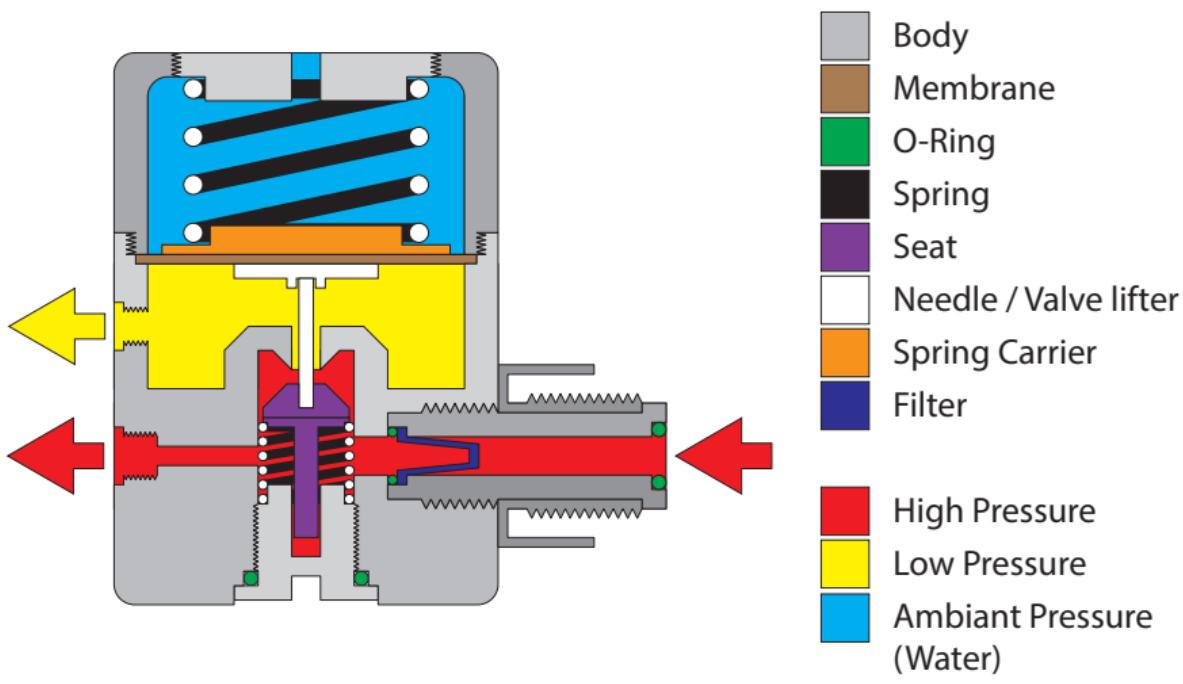
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# Unbalanced diaphragm

- Not common
- Pros
  - Increase in intermediate pressure when cylinder pressure drops
- Cons
  - Needs a second stage which can handle a higher intermediate pressure
  - Harder to breathe at the begining of the dive

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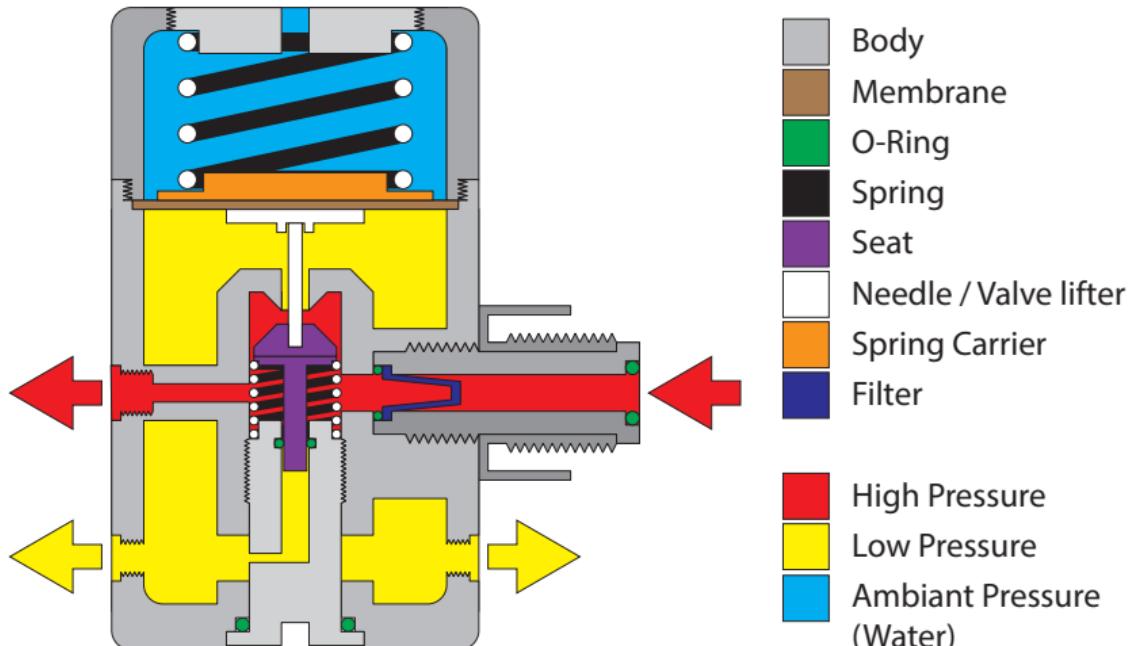
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# Balanced diaphragm

- Most common regulator
- Pros
  - Simple but effective
  - Easily set up for cold water
- Cons
  - Doesn't like being flooded

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- Models

- Apeks (All)
- Aqualung Legend, Glacia,...
- Halcyon H-50D
- Mares Abyss, Prestige,...
- Scubapro MK11, MK17
- Poseidon Jetstream

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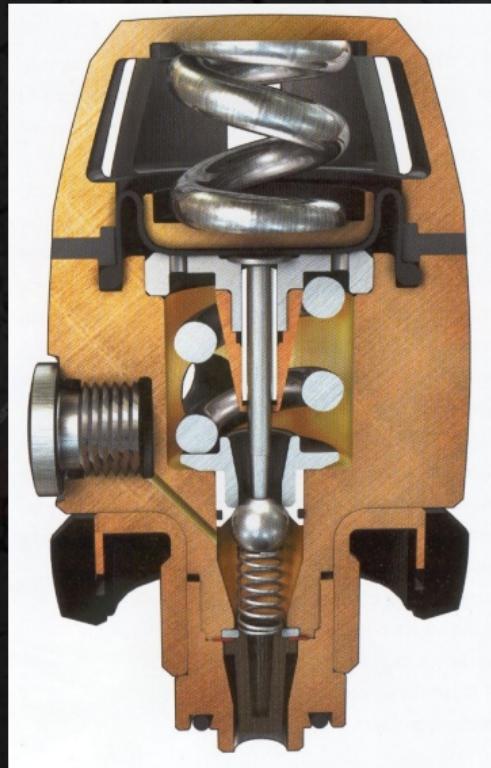
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- Poseidon Xstream

- The seat is replaced by a ball closing the orifice
- The needle act on the ball the same way as on the seat
- A spring hold the ball in place



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- Anti-freeze system
  - Ambiant pressure filled with grease
  - Cap filled with grease
  - Diaphragm filled with oil
  - Diaphragm with piston or "load transmitter"  
(Most common)
  - Dry ambiant pressure by "Dry bleed" (Controlled leak of the first stage)
  - "Condom and vodka"!

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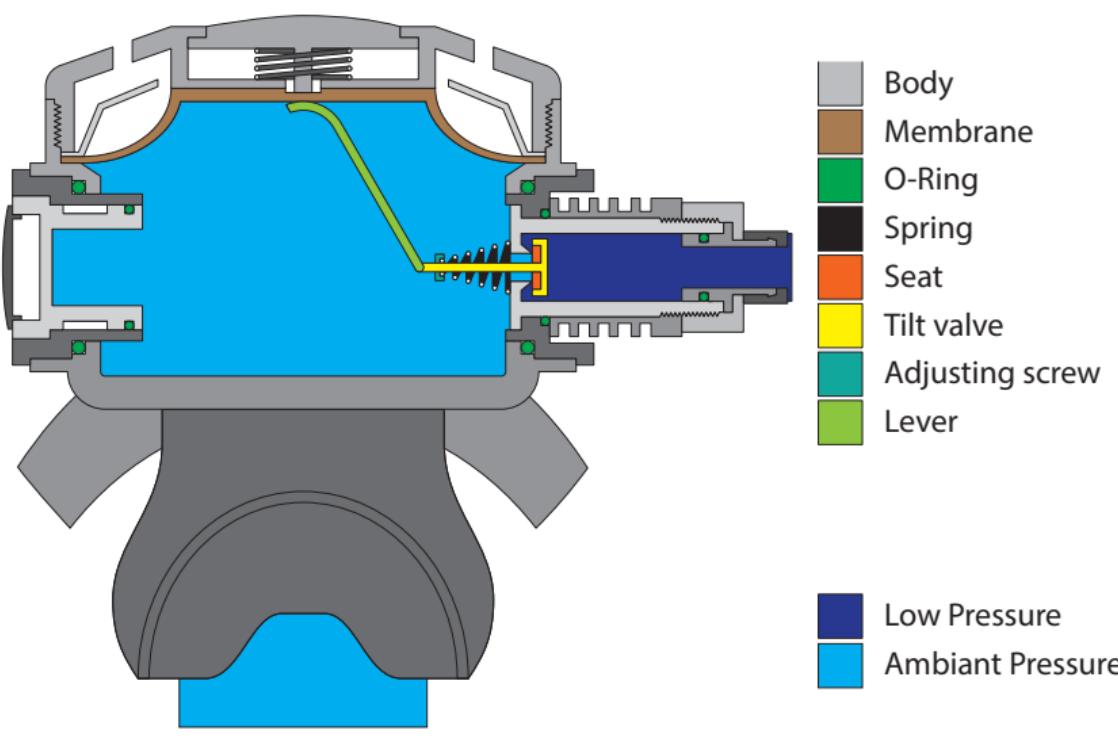
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# Upstream valve

- Pros
  - Simple
- Cons
  - Upstream design
  - Need a pressure relief valve (PRV)
  - Limited performances

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- Models
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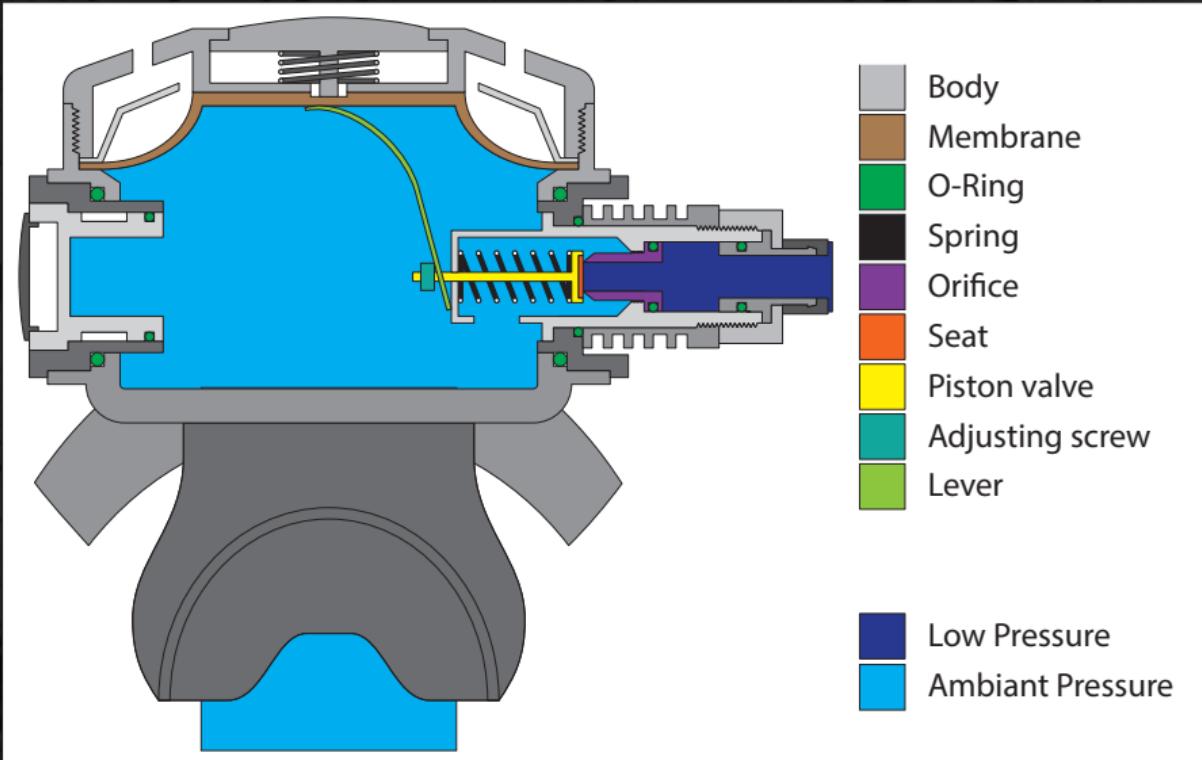
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- Pros

- Cheap
- Easy to service
- Perfect for dive school
- Downstream design  
(Act as a pressure relief valve)

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- Limited performances

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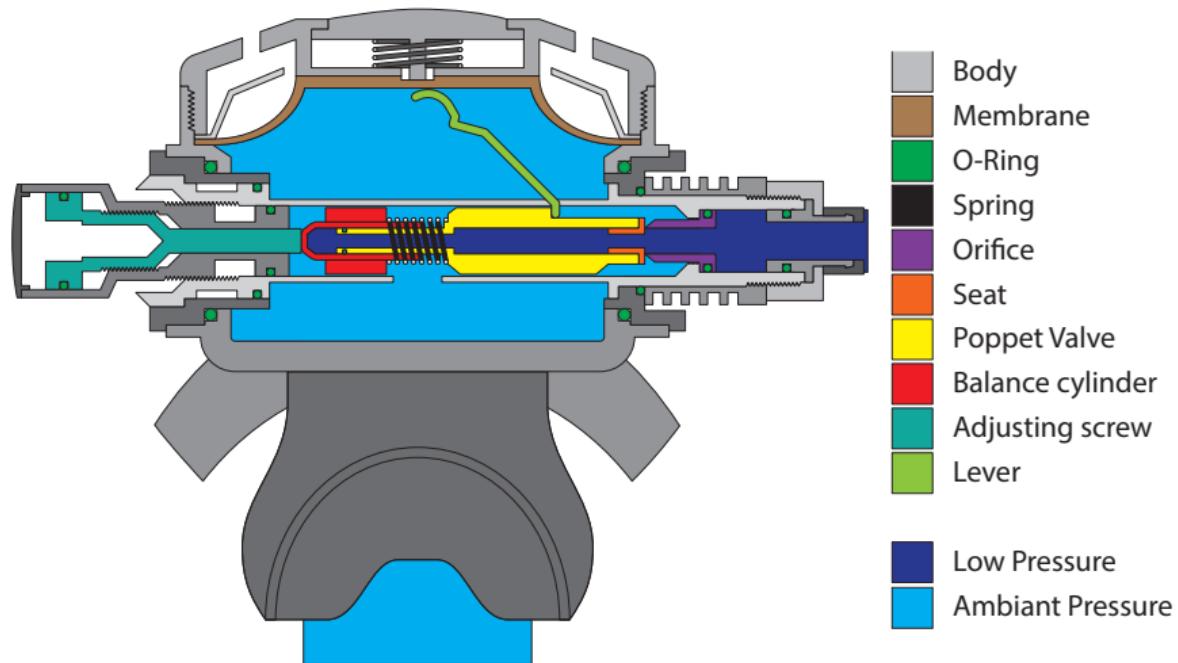
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- Pros
  - Safe and efficient
  - Good performances
  - Easily adjustable
- Cons
  - Expensive
  - Complicated to service

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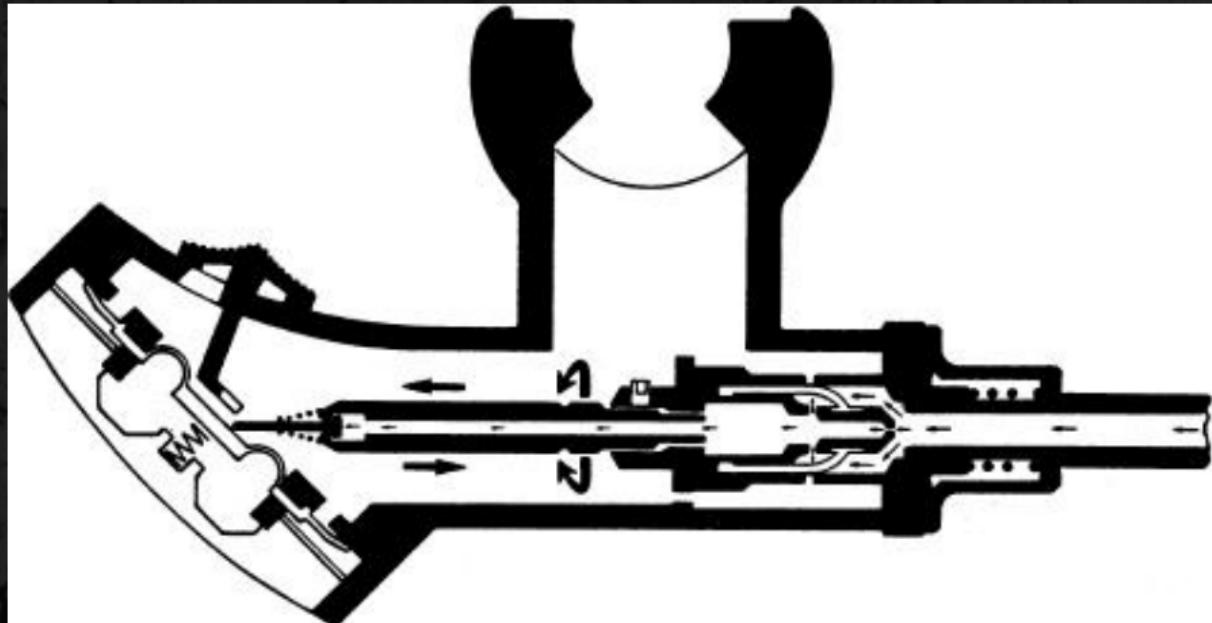
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Balanced diaphragm  
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Upstream valve  
Unbalanced downstream  
Balanced downstream  
**Servo or pilot valve**  
Second stage options

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- Pros
  - Efficient
  - Good performances
  - Don't freeze  
(no metal part are moving)
- Cons
  - Complicated
  - Upstream design
  - Need a pressure relief valve
  - high inhalation resistance

# Servo or pilot valve

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Balanced piston

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Balanced diaphragm

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- Models
  - Poseidon Jetstream and Xstream

# Second stage options

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Unbalanced diaphragm

Balanced diaphragm

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- Venturi effect
  - Reduce respiratory effort
  - Tendency to induce a freeflow
  - Deflector inside the case modifying the air flow

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## Shrader valve



# Shrader valve

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The inflator hose are using a Schrader valve. A small upstream valve that open when it is pushed.

When the hose is disconnected, the pressure close the valve and avoid any leak.

Same valve used for the bike tires!

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## Dry suit



# Dry suit

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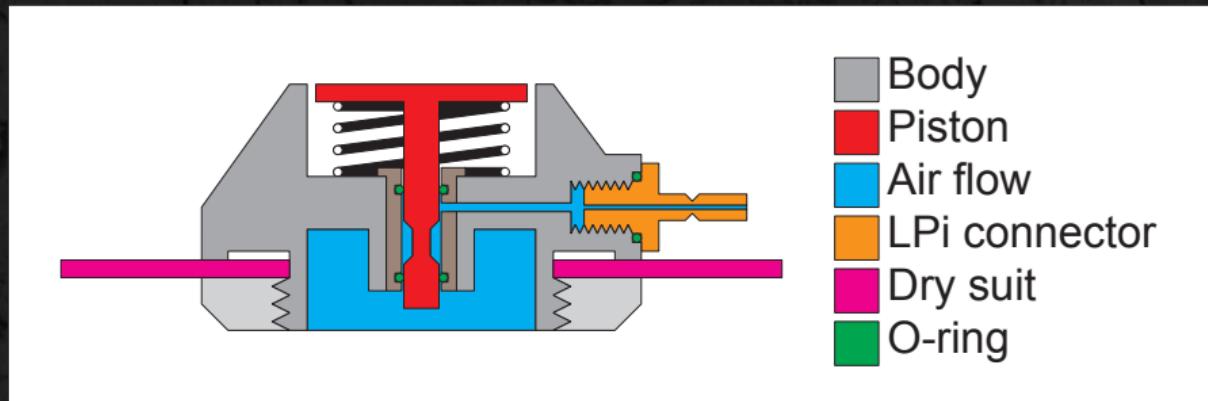
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## Design



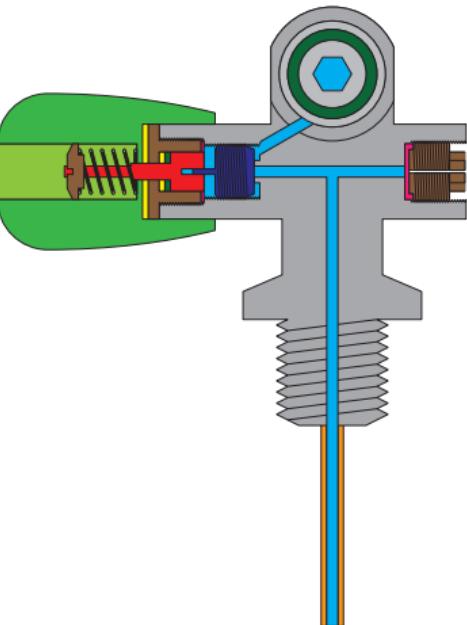
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# K-Valve with burst disc

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- Body
- Air flow
- Knob
- Seat
- Stem
- O-ring
- Washer
- Spring
- Tube
- Handwheel
- Burst disk

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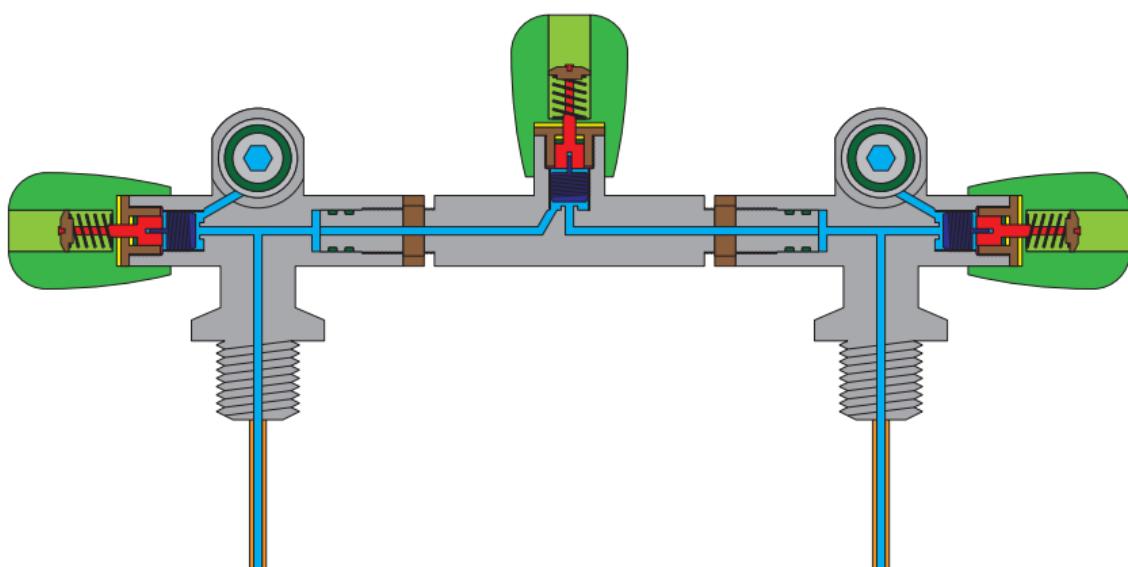
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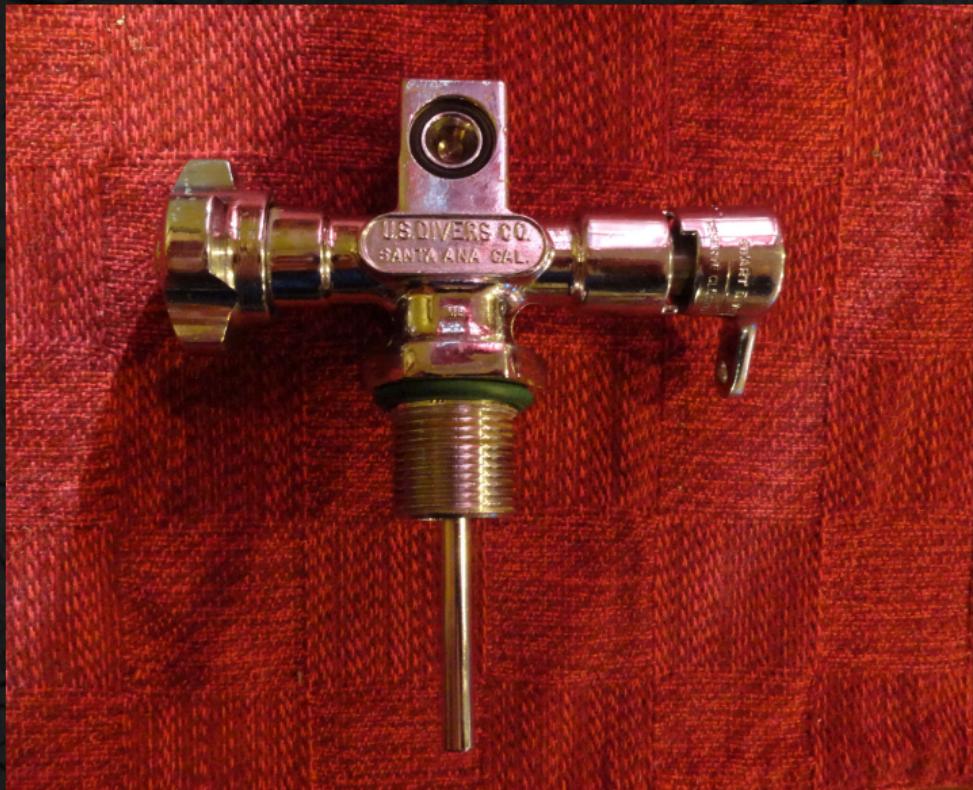
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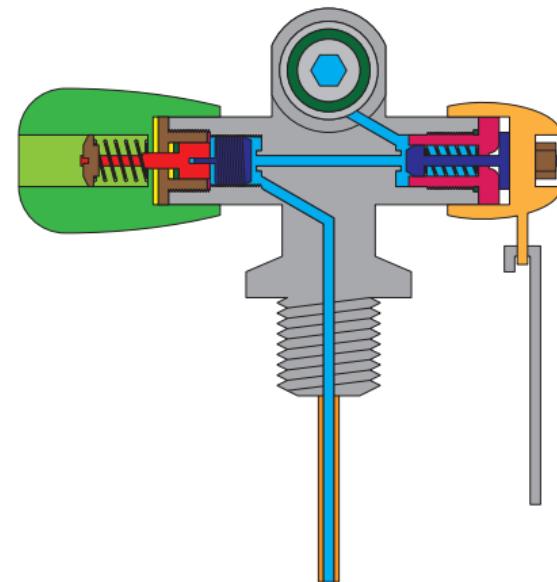
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|                  |
|------------------|
| Body             |
| Air flow         |
| Knob             |
| Seat             |
| Stem             |
| O-ring           |
| Washer           |
| Spring           |
| Tube             |
| Handwheel        |
| Cam Plate        |
| Reserve<br>wheel |

# H-Valve

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# Y-Valve

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# J-Valve with manifold

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# A-clamp

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- Yoke, Int, A-Clamp
- O-ring pinched between the valve and the reg
- Maximum pressure of 232bar

# DIN

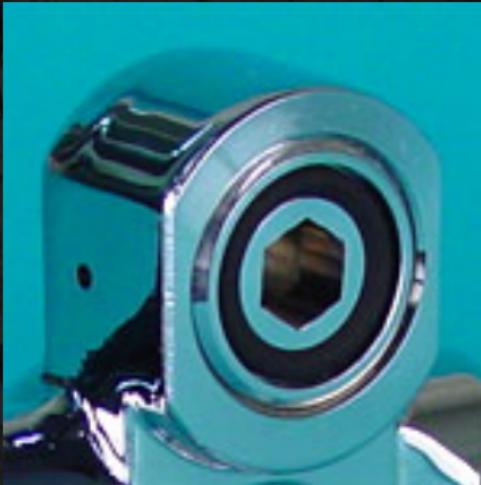
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- DIN  $G^{5/8}$ " (22.9mm)
- O-ring compressed inside the valve
- Screwed connection, so extremely strong
- 5 threads for 232 bar
- 7 threads for 300 bar

# Insert

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- Convert a DIN to Yoke
- Insert screwed inside a DIN
- Numerous types of valves and insert  
Compatibility not guaranteed

# DIN M26

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- DIN valve with a bigger diameter ( $26mm$ )
- Used for oxygen or nitrox tanks

# CGA540

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- Valve used for pure oxygen tanks
- Connectic metal to metal (brass)
- No o-ring
- Wrench necessary to tighten correctly and avoid any leak



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## Europe:

- $M25 * 2mm$  DIN (Deutsche Industrial Norm)  
 $\varnothing = 25mm$ , 2mm between each threads
- $M18 * 1.5mm$  DIN (Deutsche Industrial Norm)  
 $\varnothing = 18mm$ , 1.5mm between each threads
- $G^{3/4} * 14$  BSP (British Standard Pipe)  
 $\varnothing = 26.4mm$ , 14 threads per inch

## USA (and worldwide):

- $3/4" * 14$  NPSM  
(National Pipe Straight Mecanical)  
 $\varnothing = 26.4mm$ , 14 threads per inch

# Tank threads

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## ATTENTION

- British  $G^{3/4}$ " and American  $3/4$ " NPSM are really close but not compatible
- The shape of the threads are not the same

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## Material



# Aluminium alloy

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- Pros:
  - Don't rust!
  - Don't need to be painted
- Cons
  - Positively buoyant when empty
  - Galvanic corrosion with brass (valve) and steel (cam bands)
  - Maximum temperature:  $150^{\circ}C$

# Steel

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- Pros:
  - Strong
  - Negatively buoyant when empty  
(less weight needed)
  - Higher working pressure(*232bar*)
  - Lighter
  - Maximum temperature:  $300^{\circ}C$
- Cons:
  - Rust!!!
  - Need to be painted

# Carbon fiber

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- Pros:
  - High pressure (*300bar*)
  - Light
- Cons:
  - Fragile!
  - Distinctive visual and hydrostatic inspections

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## Aluminium

Worthington AL80

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Pressure:           | 207bar  |
| Volume:             | 11.1L   |
| Empty weight:       | 14.5kg  |
| Buoyancy empty:     | +1.45kg |
| Buoyancy at 200bar: | -0.81kg |

## Steel

Worthington 80

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Pressure:           | 237bar  |
| Volume:             | 11.1L   |
| Empty weight:       | 12.7kg  |
| Buoyancy empty:     | -1.36kg |
| Buoyancy at 200bar: | -4.08kg |

## Aluminium

Catalina S80

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Pressure:           | 207bar  |
| Volume:             | 11.1L   |
| Empty weight:       | 14.2kg  |
| Buoyancy empty:     | +1.85kg |
| Buoyancy at 200bar: | -0.72kg |

## Aluminium

Luxfer AL80

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Pressure:           | 207bar  |
| Volume:             | 11.1L   |
| Empty weight:       | 14.2kg  |
| Buoyancy empty:     | +1.54kg |
| Buoyancy at 200bar: | -0.63kg |