Achieve nonstop operation of high-cycle applications with reliable control valves.

Fisher™ Control Valves for High-Cycle Applications

Extend the lifecycle of pressure swing adsorption and molecular sieve adsorption operations with licensor-approved, endurance-tested products.

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For Nonstop Operation of High-Cycle Operations, Use Fisher Control Valve Assemblies

High-cycle applications such as pressure swing adsorption and molecular sieve adsorption are very abusive on control valve assemblies. Stroking frequency exceeds 60,000 cycles per year and tight shutoff to Class V or Class VI is required to maintain industrial gas purity and efficiency.

Proper selection of control valve assemblies is imperative. Fisher control valve assemblies typically consist of the control valve, an actuator, and a digital valve controller.

Incorporating Fisher control valve assemblies from Emerson into your high-cycle applications can have significant benefits.

Improve Reliability – End users have increased turnaround schedules to five years using Fisher control valve assemblies. Their long-term reliability is demonstrated by rigorous testing to more than 1,000,000 cycles and they are licensor accepted.

Improve Uptime – When you use Fisher control valve assemblies you can expect to see improvements in uptime, as they are engineered to meet high-cycle application requirements. The durability of their mechanical moving parts and soft parts is the key to long periods of operation.

Improve Purity – Higher quantities of on-specification industrial gas can be produced using Fisher control valve assemblies that maintain tight shutoff throughout their lifetime.

In addition to providing top quality, expertly engineered control valve assemblies, Emerson offers application assistance, responsive replacement parts service, and training.

Fisher control valve assemblies for high-cycle service are designed and tested to meet the highest of reliability standards.

Applications Discussion

Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA)

PSA is a process that involves separating impurities from a feedgas mixture to produce a single product gas such as hydrogen, oxygen, or nitrogen.

Feedgas cycles through fixed-bed adsorbers, which are surrounded by control valves that use forward and reverse flow to rapidly switch gases between parallel vessels. Within the fixed-bed adsorber, impurities are removed from the product gas at high pressure and then rejected as the system pressure "swings" to a lower pressure. The ability to completely adsorb impurities allows the production of high purity (99.99%) end product.

The challenge of PSA is that control valve assemblies are expected to cycle as often as every thirty seconds and provide tight, bi-directional shutoff. Common failures of control valve assemblies in PSA units include:

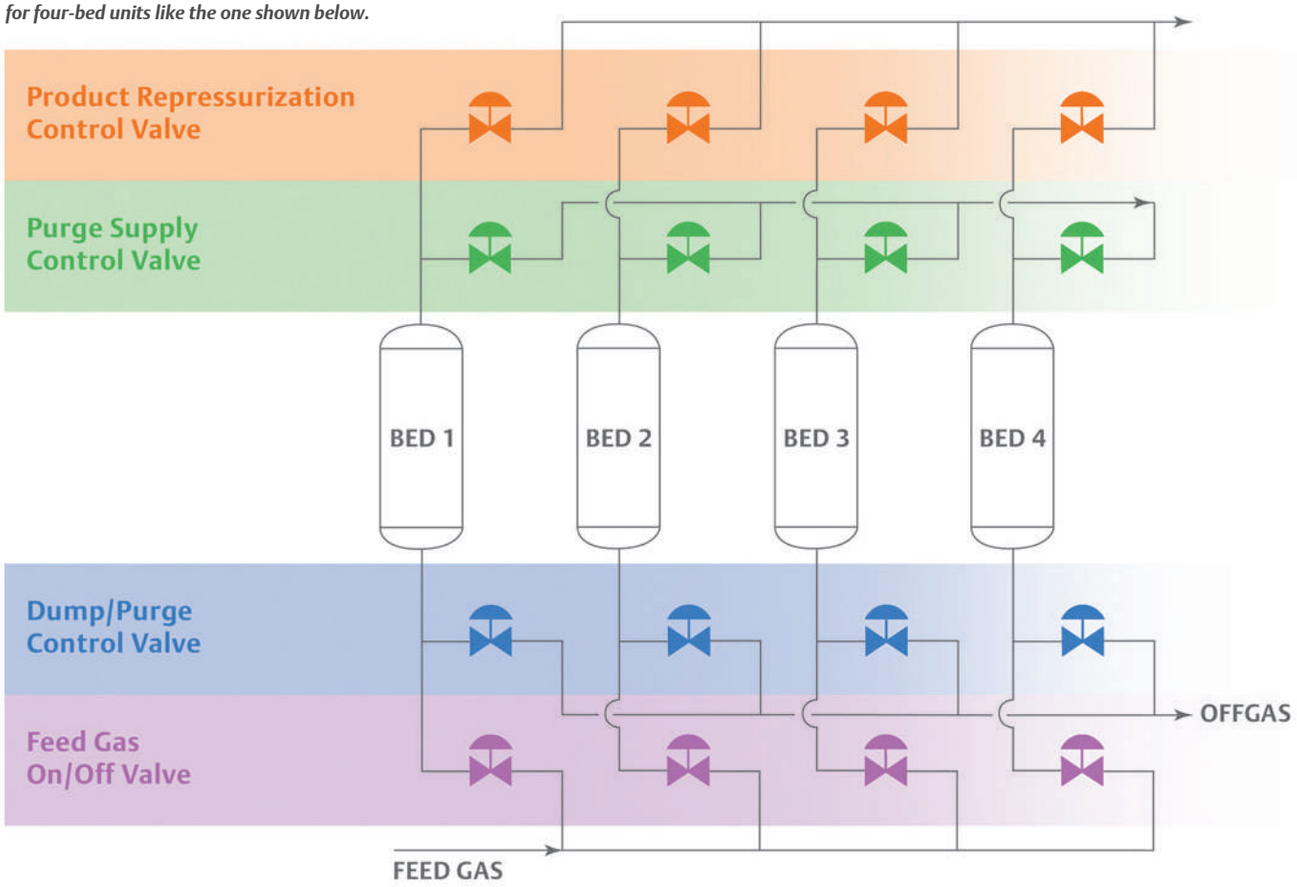
- Stem or shaft breakage due to deficient pinning design
- Poor valve-actuator-positioner linkages leading to multiple mechanical failures in a high-cycle environment
- Loss of shutoff

Your PSA units can achieve longer lifecycles with Fisher control valve assemblies. Fisher control valve assemblies for PSA applications are tested to one million cycles to meet Emerson's high-cycle quality standard.

The high-performance, linkage-less feedback system in FIELDVUE digital valve controllers has no wearing parts so cycle life is maximized. The feedback system eliminates physical contact between the valve stem and the digital valve controller. It is completely non-contact and does not rely on linkages, eliminating the most common control valve failure mode.

PSA Unit

The PSA unit is a severe service application for control valve assemblies. High cycling action and tight shutoff is required. Annual cycle service exceeds 60,000 cycles for four-bed units like the one shown below.



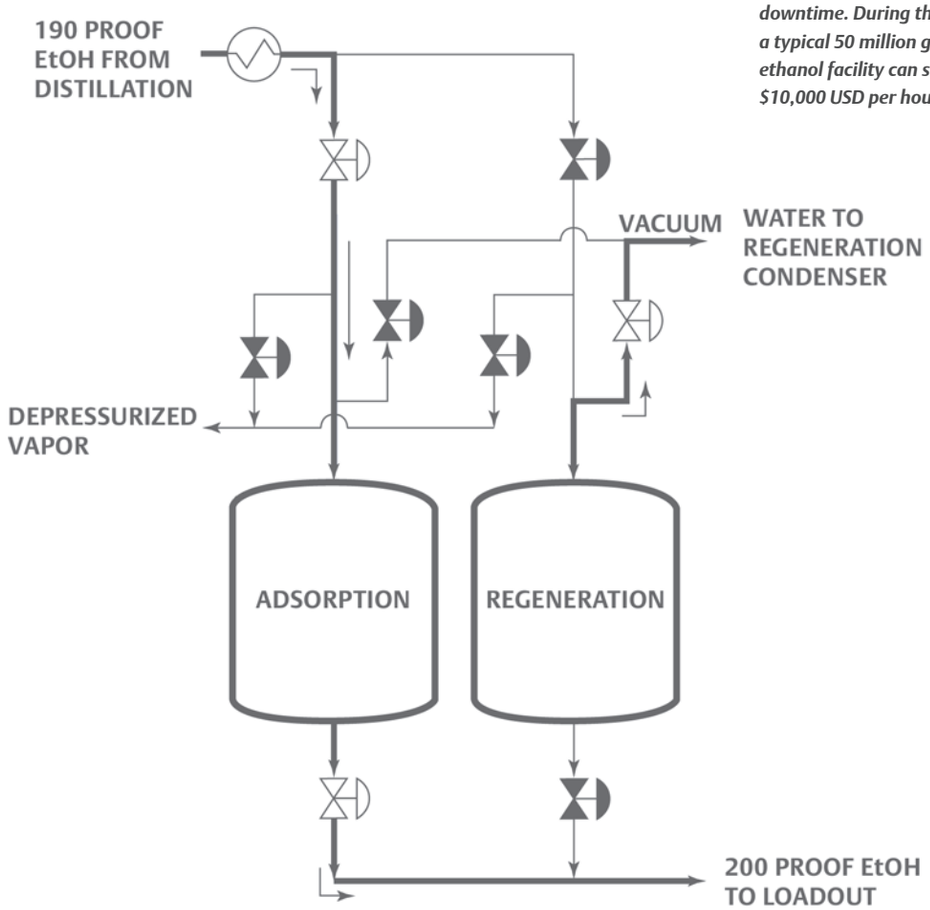
Molecular Sieve Adsorption

With the competitive environment in the ethanol industry constantly increasing, now is the time to focus on improving overall plant efficiency and reliability. Regardless of plant scale, the molecular sieve adsorption application presents a significant opportunity for such improvements.

In surveying ethanol producers from around the world, some of the most commonly reported maintenance problems related to the molecular sieve adsorption unit include:

- Selection of oversized butterfly valves leading to poor control and reduced cycle life
- Accelerated bearing wear, often seen after only a few months
- Poor valve-actuator-positioner linkages leading to multiple mechanical failures in a high-cycle environment
- Poor performance from low-quality valve positioners in both the adsorption and regeneration cycles

Continued enhancement of this essential component of the ethanol process is critical to achieving plant output and revenue targets. Fisher control valve assemblies for molecular sieve adsorption applications are tested to one million cycles to meet Emerson's high-cycle quality standard.



Molecular Sieve Adsorption

Improper selection of control valve assemblies can lead to unscheduled downtime. During this downtime, a typical 50 million gallon-per-year ethanol facility can suffer over $10,000 USD per hour in lost revenue.

Improve Reliability

Licensor Accepted

Emerson offers a breadth of tested and proven-reliable Fisher control valve assemblies to help extend the lifecycle of high-cycle applications and maintain purity. Fisher control valve assemblies are accepted by several of the world's leading licensors for use in their high-cycle applications because they were validated through lab testing and field trials.

Fisher GX Control Valve Assembly

- Testing Minimum: 1,000,000 Cycles
- Fisher GX actuator
- Valve Body Size Range:
  NPS ½, ¾, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, and 6
  DN 15, 20, 25, 40, 50, 80, 100, and 150
- Pressure Rating:
  CL150, 300 per ASME B16.34
  PN 10, 16, 25, 40 per EN 1092-1
- Explosion-proof, intrinsically safe, non-incendive applications with integral 4–20 mA position feedback:
  FIELDVUE DVC6200 instrument
- Intrinsically safe, non-incendive applications with integral 4–20 mA position feedback:
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Fisher easy-e™ Control Valve Assembly

- Testing Minimum: 1,000,000 Cycles
- Fisher 657 or 667 actuator
- Valve Body Size Range:
  NPS ½—36
  DN 25 to 300x200
- Pressure Rating:
  To ANSI Class 900
  To DIN PN 160
- Explosion-proof, intrinsically safe, non-incendive applications with integral 4–20 mA position feedback:
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Fisher 8580 Control Valve Assemblies

- Testing Minimum: 1,000,000 Cycles
- Fisher 2052 spring-and-diaphragm actuator or 1068 rotary vane actuator
- Valve Body Size Range:
  NPS 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12
  DN 50, 80, 100, 150, 200, 250, and 300
- Pressure Rating: CL150, 300 per ASME B16.34
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Validated Through Testing

The Emerson PSA testing facility was designed to represent the PSA process as accurately as possible. A large volume tank (see ①) provides process pressure in high capacity to all of the control valve assemblies currently being tested. Instrument air is filtered and dried using desiccant, and is then regulated to the appropriate pressure for each control valve assembly.

Each control valve assembly being tested is comprised of standard option parts, including valve seats, packing, actuator springs, and diaphragms. Each control valve assembly is controlled with a Fisher FIELDVUE digital valve controller. During the course of testing, no parts are changed—all data is gathered with the original seats, springs, and diaphragms as received from the factory.

Using Emerson's DeltaV™ workstation (see ②) and switching solenoids, in conjunction with the Fisher FIELDVUE digital valve controller, the test valve is subjected to full bi-directional pressure swings. This combination allows cycles (see ③) to accumulate very quickly—up to 25,000 cycles per week—while being faithful to the process conditions.

The valve plug is pressurized to 350 psi then stroked from 0–100–0% travel, subjecting the valve to a 350 psi pressure drop as the air vents to atmosphere. Actuator stroke time is controlled so that the 0–100% and 100–0% strokes occur in under two seconds. In addition to counting cycles, pressure taps have been installed allowing for seat leak testing as cycles accumulate.

Each control valve assembly is inspected several times per week for general operation. This checklist includes things like smooth operation, evidence of wear, and any audible changes.

The use of Fisher FIELDVUE digital valve controllers allows for monitoring of diagnostic and performance data such as friction, spring rate, and bench set. This information gives a detailed picture of what is happening inside the valve as cycle counts reach and exceed 1,000,000.

Improve Purity

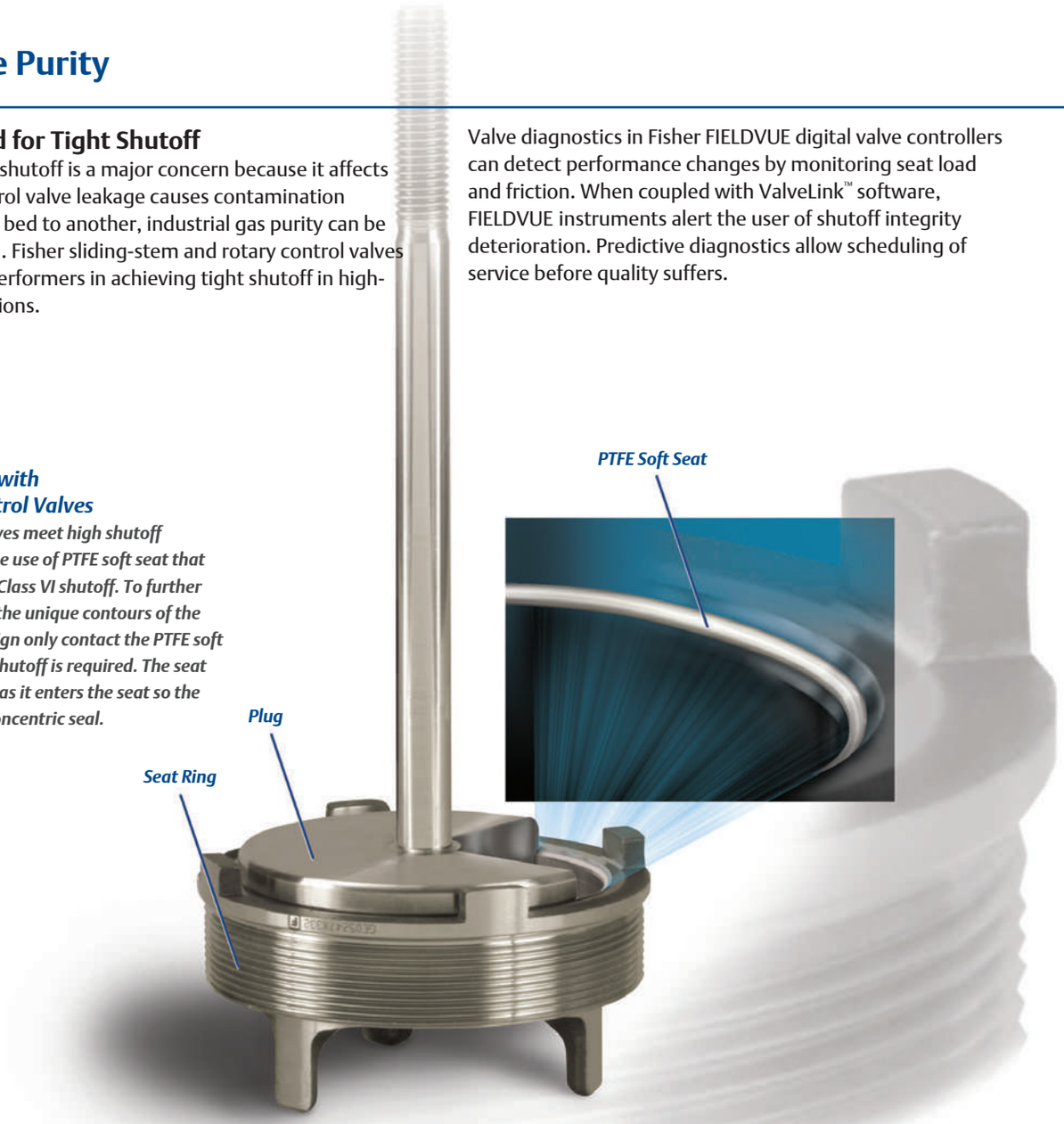
Engineered for Tight Shutoff

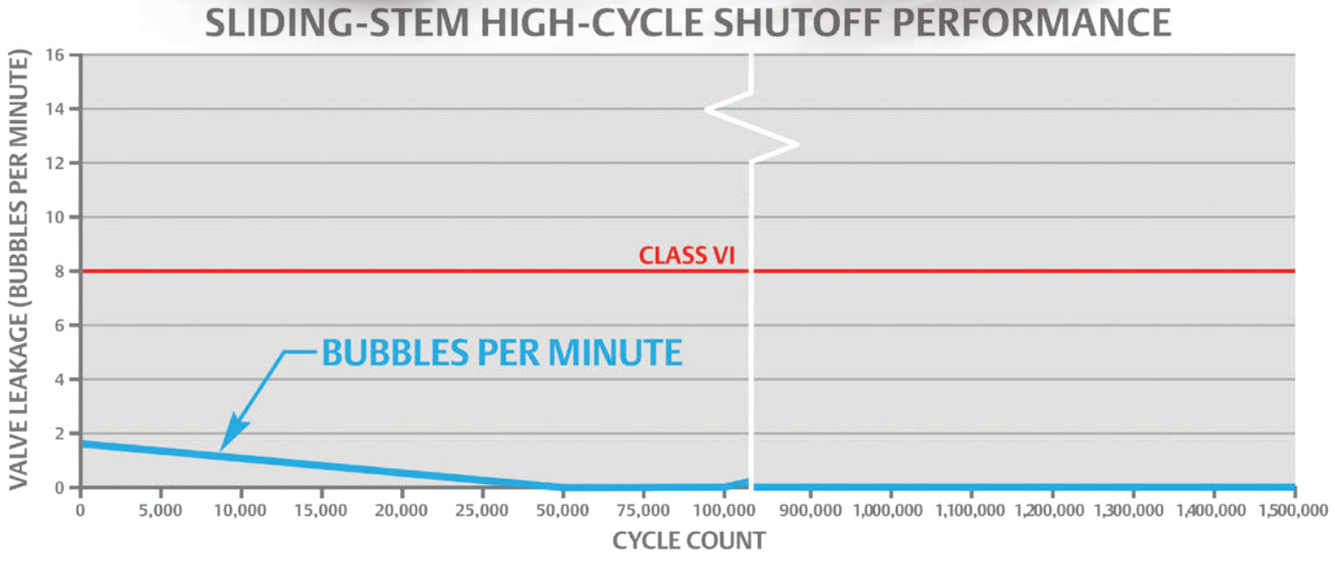
Control valve shutoff is a major concern because it affects purity. If control valve leakage causes contamination from one PSA bed to another, industrial gas purity can be compromised. Fisher sliding-stem and rotary control valves are premier performers in achieving tight shutoff in high-cycle applications.

Valve diagnostics in Fisher FIELDVUE digital valve controllers can detect performance changes by monitoring seat load and friction. When coupled with ValveLink™ software, FIELDVUE instruments alert the user of shutoff integrity deterioration. Predictive diagnostics allow scheduling of service before quality suffers.

Excellent Shutoff with Sliding-Stem Control Valves

Fisher GX control valves meet high shutoff requirements with the use of PTFE soft seat that enables long-lasting Class VI shutoff. To further assure tight shutoff, the unique contours of the unbalanced plug design only contact the PTFE soft seat at the moment shutoff is required. The seat ring centers the plug as it enters the seat so the valve establishes a concentric seal.

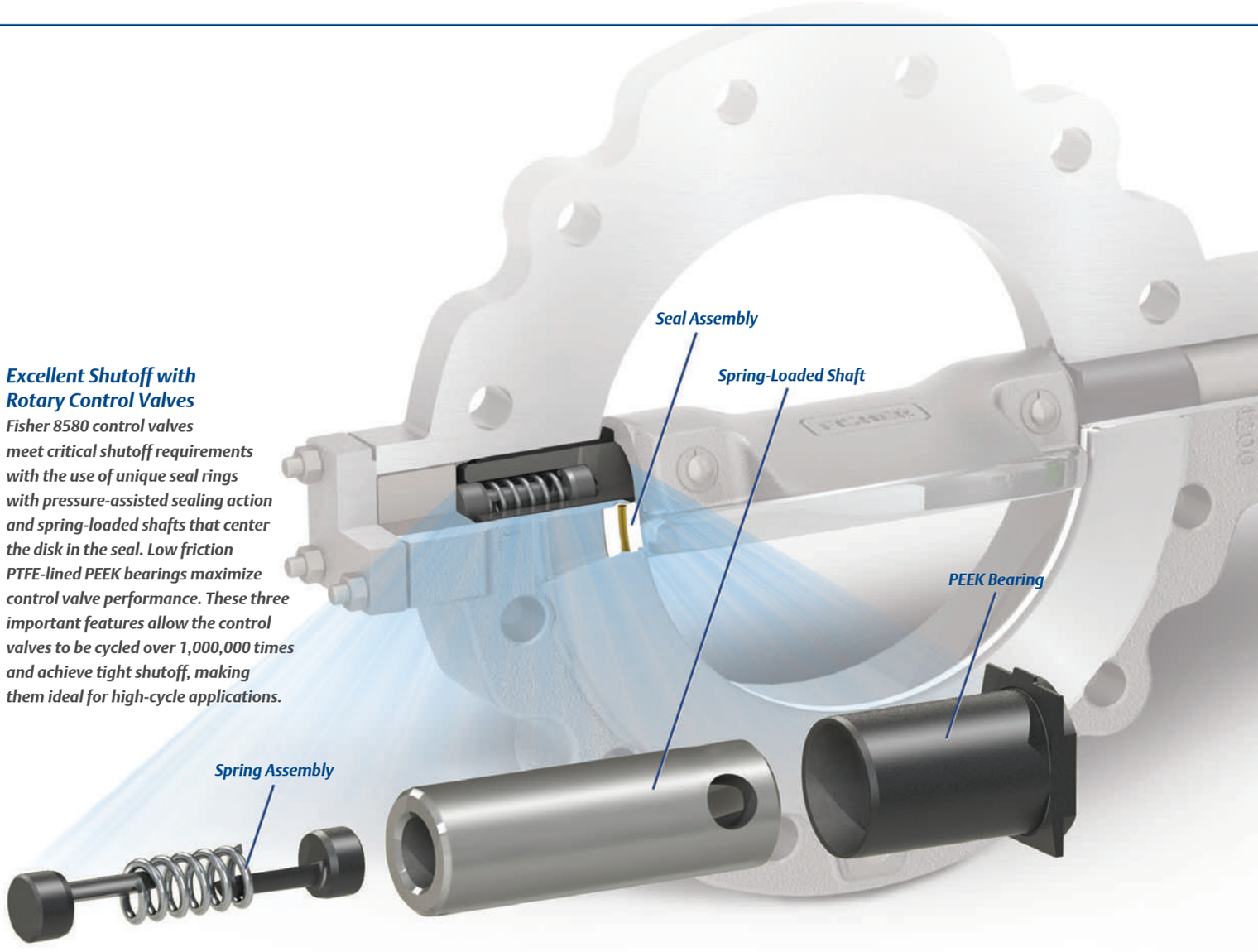


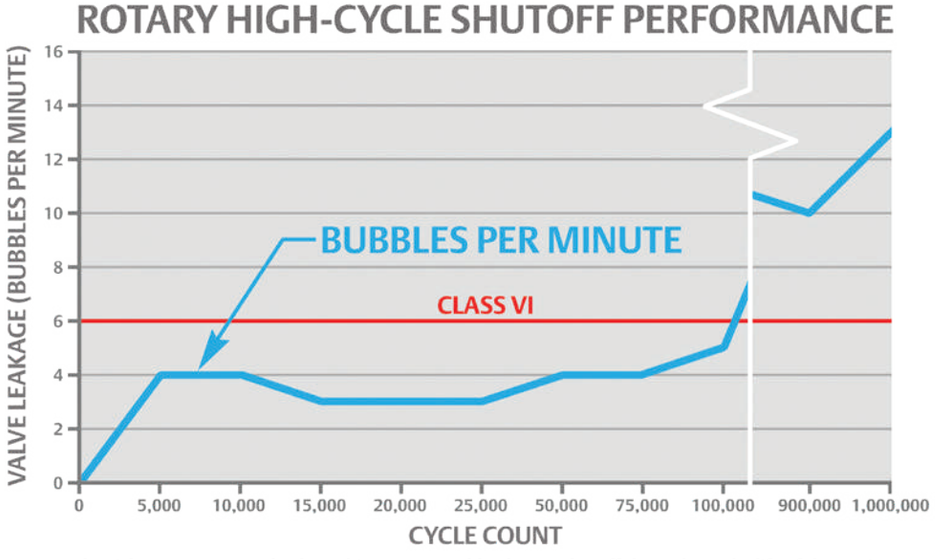


The Fisher sliding-stem control valve achieves acceptable Class VI shutoff throughout the life of the testing.

Excellent Shutoff with Rotary Control Valves

Fisher 8580 control valves meet critical shutoff requirements with the use of unique seal rings with pressure-assisted sealing action and spring-loaded shafts that center the disk in the seal. Low friction PTFE-lined PEEK bearings maximize control valve performance. These three important features allow the control valves to be cycled over 1,000,000 times and achieve tight shutoff, making them ideal for high-cycle applications.





The Fisher rotary control valve achieves acceptable Class VI shutoff throughout the life of the testing.

Improve Uptime with Sliding-Stem Control Valve Assemblies

- **Reliable Actuator Performance -** Special GX actuator diaphragm material helps reduce common problems such as air oxidation, thermal aging, low temperature embrittlement, and loss of retention. Unlike a piston actuator, the GX spring-and-diaphragm actuator does not have a large diameter sliding seal that is subject to wear. The double-sided diaphragm within the actuator helps eliminate mechanical wear-induced failure.
- **Fast Stroking Speed -** When your high-cycle applications require adjustable cycle times, Fisher control valve assemblies deliver with fast actuator stroking speeds and tight process control.
- **Precise Valve Positioning -** Linkage-less, non-contact FIELDVUE digital valve controllers are paired with Fisher control valves to achieve precise positioning accuracy and fast response to process changes. FIELDVUE digital valve controllers offer integral 4-20 mA position feedback for explosion-proof or non-explosion-proof applications.

Zero Lost Motion

With no linkage to wear, loosen, corrode, or vibrate, FIELDVUE digital valve controllers can handle harsh environments and nonstop cycling. A magnet array and Hall Effect sensor are used to detect valve position.

On-Line, In-Service Diagnostics

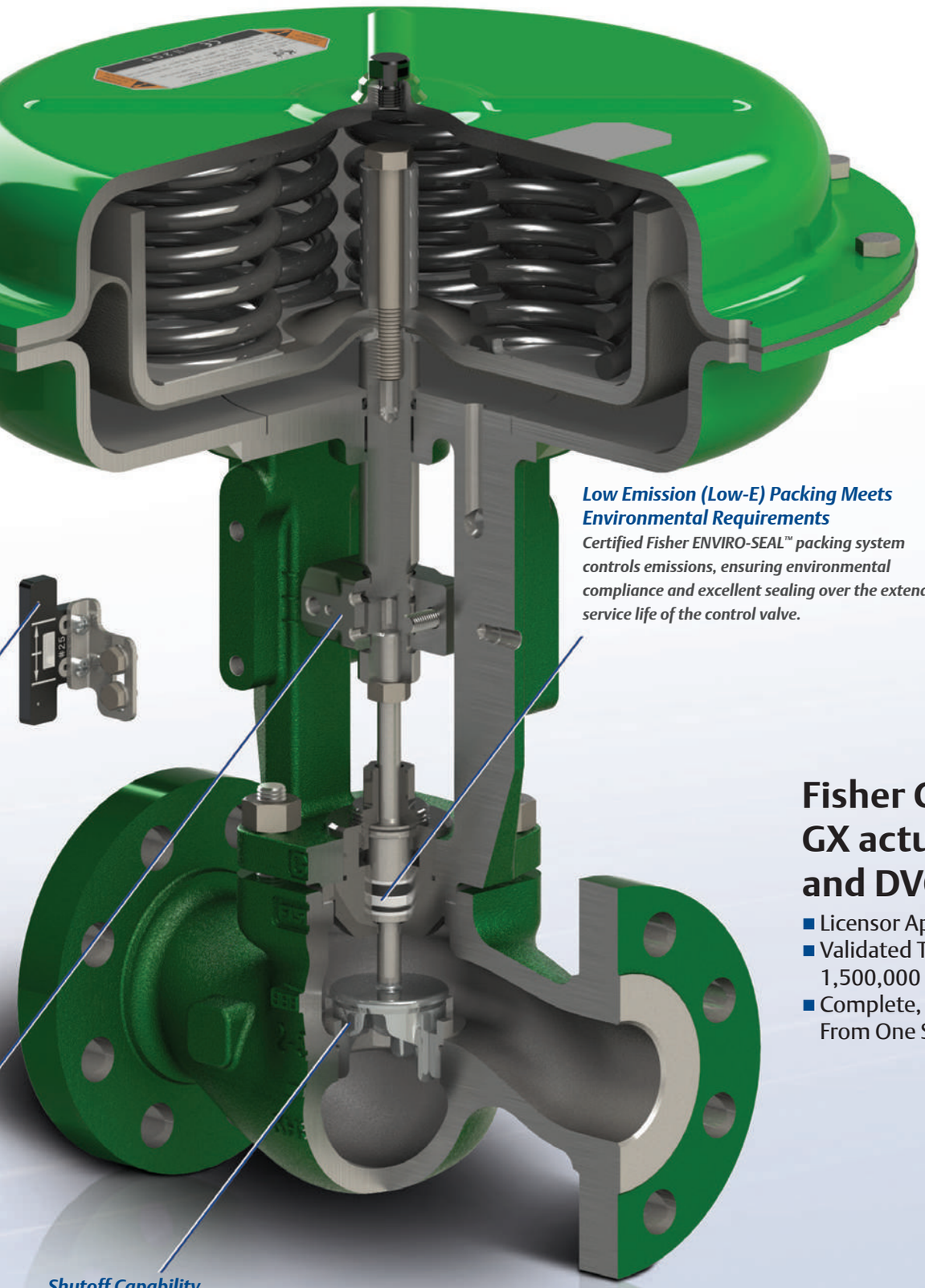
When coupled with ValveLink software, FIELDVUE digital valve controllers give advanced notice of performance issues and provide recommended actions.

Pushbutton Calibration and Versatility

Configure, calibrate, and tune the FIELDVUE DVC2000 digital valve controller using its local user interface with four pushbuttons. Users can select their language of choice, which allows for global standardization.

Enhanced Stem Alignment

The stem connector eliminates axial load on the packing system, improves the stem seal, and increases packing life.



Low Emission (Low-E) Packing Meets Environmental Requirements

Certified Fisher ENVIRO-SEAL™ packing system controls emissions, ensuring environmental compliance and excellent sealing over the extended service life of the control valve.

Shutoff Capability

The PTFE soft seat provides Class VI shutoff and the ion-nitrided plug has a hard, wear resistance guiding surface for increased cycle life.

Fisher GX control valve, GX actuator, and DVC2000 instrument

- Licensor Approved
- Validated Through Testing to 1,500,000 Cycles
- Complete, Integrated Solution From One Supplier

Improve Uptime with Rotary Control Valve Assemblies

- **Reliable Actuator Performance -** The 2052 spring-and-diaphragm actuator was designed for long service life under load conditions. It has no O-rings to wear, an inherent position on air failure, low actuator pressures for operation, and double-sided diaphragms. Designed for 1,000,000 cycles under load conditions, you can forget about leakage, failure, and poor control.
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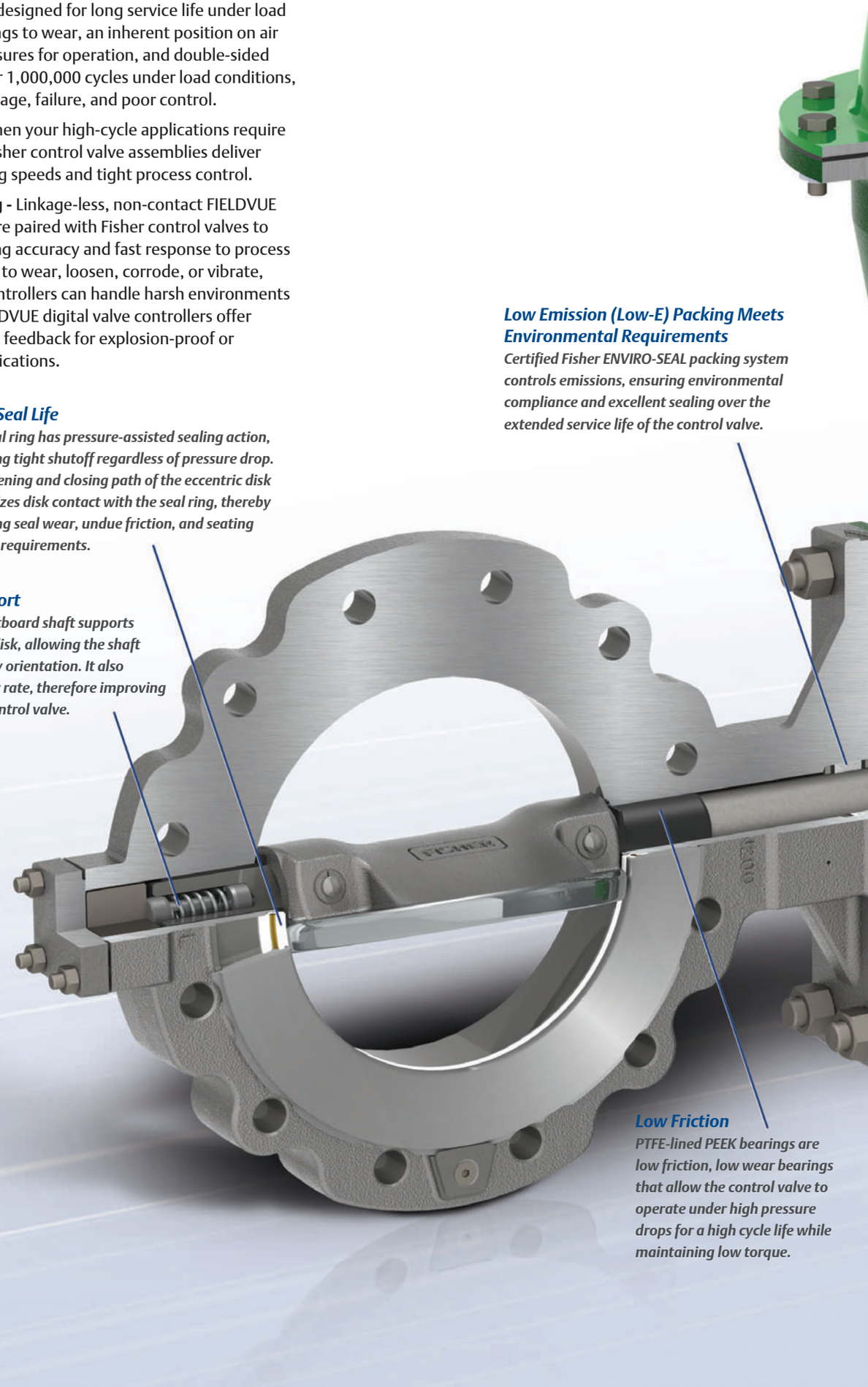

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Long Seal Life

The seal ring has pressure-assisted sealing action, ensuring tight shutoff regardless of pressure drop. The opening and closing path of the eccentric disk minimizes disk contact with the seal ring, thereby reducing seal wear, undue friction, and seating torque requirements.

Drive Train Support

The spring in the outboard shaft supports the drive train and disk, allowing the shaft to be installed in any orientation. It also minimizes seal wear rate, therefore improving the uptime of the control valve.

Low Friction

PTFE-lined PEEK bearings are low friction, low wear bearings that allow the control valve to operate under high pressure drops for a high cycle life while maintaining low torque.

Fisher 8580 control valve, 2052 actuator, and DVC6200 instrument

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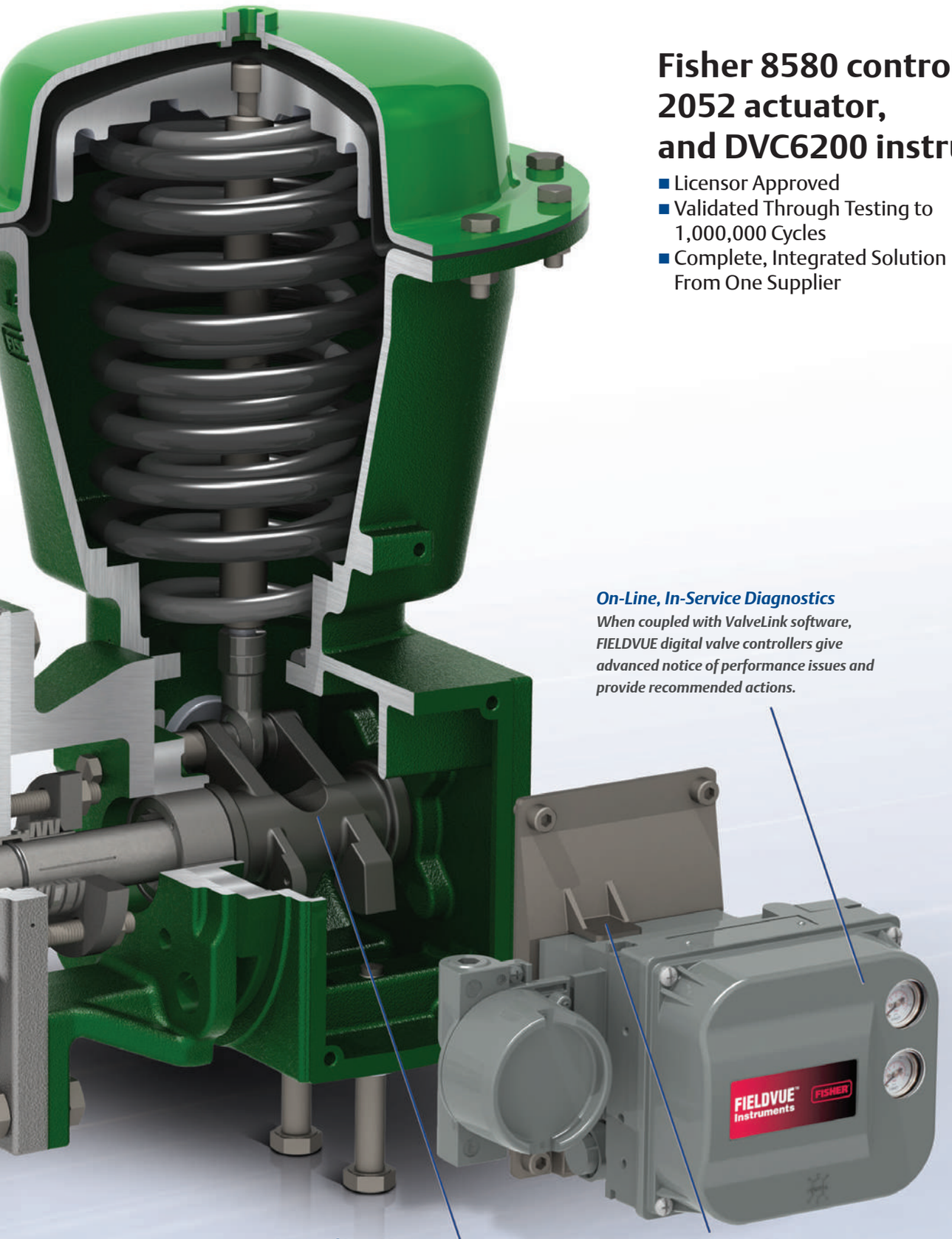

On-Line, In-Service Diagnostics

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Minimal Lost Motion

The clamping of the lever onto the splined valve shaft, coupled with the single pivot linkage, reduces lost motion between the actuator and the control valve.

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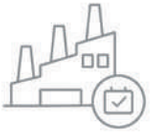
Continuous support in the face of changing market and operating conditions.

Emerson leads the way with industry-defining end-to-end digital service experiences, helping you achieve superior outcomes through our maintenance, reliability, and performance offerings. The tools we've developed support the digital transformation, providing the confidence to extract the maximum value from your service and technology investments. Our teams partner with you across the globe to help you maintain safe operation, improve reliability, and optimize plant performance.

With 100+ regional service centers and 80+ mobile service centers worldwide, local experts are available to work with you to understand your unique challenges and help you find a solution. Our broad portfolio of service offerings allows us to tailor our support to align with your specific business goals.

Connected Services

Leverage smart technology and Emerson expertise to help your workforce make informed decisions about performance and reliability.



Outage Services

Identify, prioritize, and plan long term plant reliability improvements to reduce unplanned maintenance events and improve performance.

Education and Training

Train new hires, improve your current workforce skills, and help your team adapt to new technology or products.

Startup and Commissioning

Certified technicians meticulously work through approvals, calibration, testing, and certification to deliver a comprehensive handover, on time and on budget.

With locations worldwide, Emerson local experts are never far away. Get in touch today to arrange a site walk and see the value Emerson can bring to your operation.

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