Applications

The Woodward GS6 gas fuel metering valves are designed to meet the high performance standards required for the control of fuel to industrial gas turbines. The assembly provides reliable, cost-effective interfaces between the electronic control system and the gas turbine as applied in power generation, compressor, or mechanical drive applications. The valve can be used in a single valve configuration for single-manifold base turbines or in multiple valve configurations for Dry Low Emission turbines.

Description

The GS6 valve incorporates the highly robust Woodward self-cleaning metering valve design with a high-torque actuator to ensure extended operation in all types of gaseous fuel service. The valve features an on-board electric actuator driver for ease of packaging and installation.

Valve versions with dual position feedback resolvers are available for critical applications. The drivers supplied with these valves incorporate dual signal conditioning, resolver fault detection, and selectable failure management options.

The GS6 is an electrically actuated fuel valve with an on-board electronic position controller. Highly accurate flow control is achieved by the use of a spherical fuel metering element with a precision machined fuel metering port. A seal shoe is located against the spherical valve element to allow accurate flow area control and the achievement of position flow shut-off. The use of rare earth permanent magnets in a highly efficient electromagnetic circuit provides high actuation forces while minimizing package size. The closely integrated mechanical design eliminates backlash and provides virtually infinite valve positioning resolution.

The self-cleaning, shear-type metering action keeps the metering port free from performance-limiting deposits of gas condensates, contaminants, and system debris. The valve uses a single moving part with the fuel metering element, actuator rotor, and single or dual redundant position feedback resolvers mounted on a single solid-piece shaft. Accurate flow versus input signal characteristics are achieved on each valve version by precision forming of the valve metering port, the use of extended valve travels, and high precision resolvers for valve position feedback. The GS valves can achieve flow turn-down ratios in excess of 100 to 1. The positive flow shut-off rating meets the requirements of ANSI B16.104 Class II for valves with a port size of 0.15 in² and Class III for valves with port sizes of 0.30 in², 0.45 in², 0.60 in², and 0.75 in².

- Single moving part for reliable performance
- All-electric actuation
- On-board driver
- Fast dynamic response
- Robust self-cleaning valve
- Digital and/or 4–20 mA interface
- Highly accurate fuel metering
- Discrete fault output and independent shutdown
- Certified for use in Hazardous Locations
GS6 Valve Outline Drawing (single resolver)
(Do not use for construction)

For detailed information, see Woodward manual 26513.
## Specifications

**Valve**

**Gas Flow Range:** 4.5 to 6800 kg/h (10 to 15 000 lb/h)

**Parameters**

- **Gas Supply Pressure:** 690 to 5170 kPa (100 to 750 psig)
- **Minimum Pressure Differential:** 138 kPa (20 psid) recommended for accurate flow characteristics
- **Maximum Pressure Differential:** 5170 kPa (750 psid)
- **Gas Filtration Recommendations:** 25 µm Absolute
- **Metering Ports (maximum geometric area):** 0.15 in² (97 mm²), 0.30 in² (194 mm²), 0.45 in² (290 mm²), 0.60 in² (387 mm²), and 0.75 in² (484 mm²)

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**Metering Valve Leakage:** 0.1% of rated flow maximum

**Slew Rate:** <100 ms

**Position Loop Bandwidth:** 40 rad/s at –6 dB at 24 Vdc and 450 psi (3100 kPa) supply

**Flange to Flange Dimension:** 5.80 inches (147.3 mm) nominal

**Materials:** Aluminum housing with SST (stainless steel) wetted parts, NACE MR0103-2012 compliant

**Weight:** 20.4 kg (45.0 lb)

**Gas Inlet and Discharge:** 1.5 inch (38 mm) SAE flanges per J518 Code 61

**Gas Connections**

- **Overboard Vent:** Port per SAE J1926/1-4

**Flow Accuracy**

- **Analog Input:** The lesser of 5% of point or 2% of full scale
- **Digital Input:** 2% of point

**Repeatability**

- **Analog Input:** ±0.5% of full scale
- **Digital Input:** ±0.1% of full scale

**Temperature Drift**

- **Analog Input:** 0.05% of full scale input demand (4–20 mA) per degree F
- **Digital Input:** 0.09% of full scale input demand (4–20 mA) per degree C

**Electrical**

- **Input Power:** 24 Vdc (18–32 Vdc)
- **Steady State Current:** < 2 A typical
- **Maximum Transient Current:** 7 A for 100 ms

**Electrical Connections**

- **Field Wires enter junction through dual 0.750-14 NPT threaded conduit connections**
- **Terminal blocks in integral junction box, stud for external ground**

- **Valve Position Demand Signal:** 4–20 mA current signal into 249 Ω impedance, DeviceNet™ * or CANopen interface
- **Valve Position Feedback Signal:** 4–20 mA current signal into < 500 Ω impedance, DeviceNet or CANopen interface
- **Shut-down/Reset Command:** Close contact to run, open to shut down
- **System Fault Output:** Isolated FET for direct control connection with or without interposing relays
- **Maximum Current:** 500 mA (10 µA leakage)

*—DeviceNet is a trademark of ODVA (Open DeviceNet Vendor Association, Inc.)

**Temperature**

- **Ambient:** –40 to +93 °C (–40 to +200 °F)
- **Ambient (dual resolver):** –29 to +93 °C (–20 to +200 °F) (restriction for CE Marking)
- **Fuel Temperature:** –40 to +93 °C (–40 to +200 °F)
- **Fuel Temperature (dual resolver):** –29 to +93 °C (–20 to +200 °F) (restriction for CE Marking)
- **Unpowered Heat Soak:** 125 °C, 2 hours

**Environmental Specifications**

- **Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC):** EN 61000-6-2 (2001): Immunity for Industrial Environments
- **Shock:** US MIL-STD-810C method 516.2, procedure 1 (10 G Peak, 11 ms duration, sawtooth waveform)
- **Vibration:** US MIL-STD-810C, Method 514.2, Procedure I, Figure 514.2-2, Curve AR (2 G test from 10 to 2000 Hz)
- **Humidity:** US MIL-STD-E-8593, paragraph 4.6.2.3.3
- **Salt Fog:** US MIL-STD-810, Method No. 509
- **Ingress Protection:** IP56 per EN 60529

**Regulatory Compliance**

**European Compliance for CE Marking**

- **EMC Directive:** 2004/108/EC
- **Pressure Equipment Directive:** 97/23/EC, (Category II)
- **ATEX Directive:** 94/9/EC per LCIE 02 ATEX 6049 X
  - Zone 1, Category 2, Group IIG, Ex d IIB T3
  - Zone 2, Category 3, Group IIG, Ex nA IIC T3

**Other European and International Compliance:**

- **Compliance with the following European Directive does not qualify this product for application of the CE Marking:**
  - **Machinery Directive:** Compliant as partly completed machinery with 2006/42/EC
  - **GOST R:** Certified for use in explosive atmospheres within the Russian Federation per GOST R certificate POCC US.TB04.B01303 as 1ExdiIBT3, 2ExnAII2T3.

**North American Compliance:**

- **CSA:** CSA Certified for Class I, Division 1, Groups C and D, T3, and Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, and D, T3 at 93 °C ambient for use in Canada and the United States
On-board Driver

The valve driver and wiring terminal box are integral with the valve assembly, eliminating interconnecting wiring, reducing package size requirements, and lowering the installed cost. The on-board driver can be interfaced to the turbine control via a 4–20 mA input and feedback signals or through a DeviceNet/CANopen network. The GS6 can be configured to accept both the 4–20 mA signal and DeviceNet/CANopen position command in a redundant configuration. With this arrangement, if either demand signal fails, the driver will switch to the healthy input demand signal. The valve driver operates with an 18 to 32 Vdc power supply.

The on-board valve driver performs the following functions:
- Fast and accurate closed loop position control of the gas valve in response to the 4–20 mA or DeviceNet/CANopen input command signal
- Actual valve position feedback via 4–20 mA or DeviceNet/CANopen
- Independent remote shutdown input
- Valve/Driver Fault output

The driver includes protection and alarm indications for the following faults:
- Analog input out of range
- Feedback—open wire and short
- Input Power out of range
- Position Error
- Internal Driver Faults
- Actuator Open/Short
- Driver Overcurrent

All faults are available through the DeviceNet/CANopen connection or through an RS-232 connection when using an analog control interface.

Fuel Flow

Gas fuel flow is normally achieved by the accurate scheduling of the metering valve port area, based on values for gas properties, operating pressures, and temperature. The GS6 valve is factory calibrated under flow and pressure conditions to provide an accurate valve metering to the input demand signal. Flow equations for the GS6 valves are located in the GS6 manual. These can be used to set up the valve for any site-specific conditions.

Port Sizes

The GS6 is available with five different port sizes to optimize valve performance for various flow and pressure drop requirements. Standard port geometric area sizes are:
- 0.15 in² (96.8 mm²)
- 0.30 in² (193.5 mm²)
- 0.45 in² (290.3 mm²)
- 0.60 in² (387.1 mm²)
- 0.75 in² (483.9 mm²)

The standard metering ports are contoured to provide approximately square law relationships between commanded position and effective area.