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# RP Series Spring Loaded Pressure Regulators

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## INTRODUCTION

## Scope of Manual

This manual provides instructions for installation, startup, maintenance and spare parts ordering for the RP series spring loaded regulators.

## **Product Description**

The RP Series regulators are direct-operated with non-balanced trim.

They are usually supplied with built in filter and can be also provided with slam-shut controller for minimum pressure, maximum pressure or minimum and maximum downstream pressure.

The regulators of the RP series due to their operating specifications are mainly used in those system where sudden capacity variations are required, or else, where the cut-off of the gas distribution is controlled by solenoid valve, such as for the feeding of burners.



Figure 1. Regulator Type RP/011/66

This product has been designed to be used with fuel gases of 1st and 2nd family according to EN 437, and with other non aggressive and non fuel gases. For any other gases, other than natural gas, please contact your local sales agent.

The following versions are available:

RP/011 • RP/022 • RP/033: Regulator

RP/011/66 • RP/022/66 • RP/033/66: Regulator with slam-shut

The standard gas pressure devices (regulators and safety shut-off devices) are those used in the assemblies dealt with into EN 12186 and EN 12279 and their use has to be under the provisions into ENs 12186 & 12279.

Fail open stand-alone regulators cannot be used as a safety accessory according PED 97/23/EC to protect downstream pressure equipment.

In the pressure regulators (with or without built-in safety shut-off devices) manufactured by Emerson Process Management shall be used additional pressure accessories (e.g. pilots or filters) manufactured and labeled by Emerson Process Management.

Emerson Process Management will be not responsible for any possible inefficiency due to installation of not own production additional pressure accessories (e.g. pilots or filters).

When pressure containing parts of possible built-in safety shut-off device (SSD) valve and pilot have different maximum allowable pressures, the SSD is differential strength type.





## P.E.D. CATEGORIES AND FLUID GROUP

According to EN 14382, only in integral strength type and Class A configuration (when both over and under pressure protections are set up), the possible built-in safety shut-off device can be classified like a safety accessory according to PED.

The minimum PS between SSD valve and pilot shall be the PS of the safety accessory to comply the provisions of EN 14382 about integral strength type.

Downstream equipments, protected by possible built-in safety shut-off device (in its Class A and integral strength configuration) of this product, shall have technical features such as to be category per table below according Directive 97/23/EC "PED".

Table 1. P.E.D. Category for RP Series Regulators

PRODUCT SIZE	CATEGORY	FLUID GROUP
RP/011 WITH OR WITHOUT SLAM-SHUT	SEP	4
RP/022 E RP/033 WITH OR WITHOUT SLAM-SHUT	I	ı

The RP/011 and possible built-in pressure accessories (e.g. slam-shut controller OS/66) installed in all the available sizes of RP series regulators, are conform to Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) 97/23/EC Article 3 section 3 and were designed and manufactured in accordance with sound engineering practice (SEP). Per Article 3 section 3, these "SEP" products must not bear the CE marking.

## **CHARACTERISTICS**

## **Body Sizes and End Connection Styles**

#### **Threaded Connections**

RP/011: 1 x 1-1/4" BSP RP/022: 1-1/4 x 2" BSP RP/033: 2 x 3" BSP

## **Flanged Connections**

RP/011-FS: DN 25 x 32 PN 16, 25, 40 / CL150, CL300 RP/022-FS: DN 32 x 50 PN 16, 25, 40 / CL150, CL300 RP/033-FS: DN 50 x 80 PN 16, 25, 40 / CL150, CL300



The pressure/temperature limits indicated in this instruction manual or any applicable standard or code limitation should not be exceeded.

## **Maximum Operating Inlet Pressure**

19.6 bar

## Minimum/Maximum Allowable Temperature (TS)

See label

## **Functional Features**

Accuracy Class AC : up to  $\pm$  5% Lock-up Pressure Class SG : up to  $\pm$  10%

#### Slam-Shut Controller

Accuracy Class AG :  $\pm$  5% Response Time  $t_a$  :  $\leq$  1 second

#### Orifice

12.7 - 16 - 20 mm

#### **Temperature**

Standard Version: Working -10° to 60°C Low Temperature Version: Working -20° to 60°C

#### **Materials**

Covers: Aluminium
Body RP/011/022/033: Ductile iron
Body RP/022/033: Steel

Diaphragm: Fabric Nitrile (NBR)

#### **LABELLING**

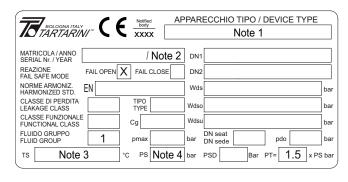


Figure 2. Label for rp Series Regulators

Nota 1: See "Characteristics"

Nota 2: Year of manufacture

Nota 3: Class 1: -10/+60 °C

Class 2: -20/+60 °C

**Nota 4:** PN 16 PS = 16 bar

PN 25 PS = 20 bar PN 40 PS = 20 bar CL150 PS = 19.3 bar

CL300 PS = 20 bar

## OVERPRESSURE PROTECTION

The recommended maximum allowable pressures are stamped on the regulator nameplate.

If actual version hasn't a built-in safety shut-off device, some type of overpressure protection is needed if the actual outlet pressure exceeds the actual maximum operating outlet pressure rating.

Overpressure protection should also be provided if the regulator inlet pressure is greater than the maximum operating inlet pressure. Downstream side pressure after possible built-in SSD's intervention shall stay within the actual maximum operating set-up range to avoid anomalous back pressures that can damage the SSD's pilot.

Downstream overpressure protection shall be also provided if the SSD outlet pressure can be greater than the PS of the SSD pilot (differential strength type).

Regulator operation below the maximum pressure limitations does not preclude the possibility of damage from external sources or debris in the line.

The regulator should be inspected for damage after any overpressure condition.

#### TRANSPORT AND HANDLING

Established transport and handling procedures shall be followed to avoid any damage on the pressure containing parts by shocks or anomalous stresses.

Built-up sensing lines and pressure accessories shall to be protected by shocks or anomalous stresses.

## ATEX REQUIREMENTS

If the provisions of EN 12186 & EN 12279, national regulations, if any, and specific manufacturer recommendations are not put into practice before installation and if purge by inert gas is not carried out before equipment's start-up and shutdown operations, a potential external and internal explosive atmosphere can be present in equipment & gas pressure regulating/measuring stations/installations.

If a presence of foreign material in the pipelines is foreseen and purge by inert gas is not carried out, the following procedure is recommended to avoid any possible external ignition source inside the equipment due to mechanical generated sparks:

 drainage to safe area via drain lines of foreign materials, if any, by inflow of fuel gas with low velocity in the pipe-work (5m/sec)

In any case,

- provisions of Directive 1999/92/EC and 89/655/EC shall be enforced by gas pressure regulating/measuring station/ installation's end user
- with a view to preventing and providing protection against explosions, technical and/or organizational measures appropriate to the nature of the operation shall be taken

(e.g.: filling/exhausting of fuel gas of internal volume of the isolated part/entire installation with vent lines to safe area - 7.5.2 of EN 12186 & 7.4 of EN 12279; monitoring of settings with further exhaust of fuel gas to safe area; connection of isolated part/entire installation to downstream pipeline; ....)

- provision in 9.3 of EN 12186 & 12279 shall be enforced by pressure regulating/measuring station/installation's end user
- external tightness test shall be carried out after each reassembly at installation site using testing pressure in accordance with national rules
- in case of selfop regulators diaphragm's incidental failure the amount of maximum flow to be vented can be calculated using the universal gas sizing equation, assuming inlet pressure = regulator's set-point, outlet pressure = atmospheric pressure and venting hole DN on the regulator's upper cover = 16 mm (Cg = 280).
- periodical check/maintenance for surveillance shall be carried out complying with national regulations, if any, and specific manufacturer recommendations.

## **SLAM-SHUT CONTROLLER**

The following controllers are used with RP series regulator with built-in slam-shut:

· OS/66 Series spring loaded controllers



Figure 3. OS/66 Slam-Shut Controller

Table 2. OS/66 Characteristics

MODEL	BODY RESISTANCE bar	SET R	ESSURE ANGE bar	UNDERPRESSURE SET RANGE W <sub>du</sub> bar		
	Dai	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	
OS/66	6	0.022	0.6	0.007	0.45	
OS/66-AP	6	0.2	5	0.1	2.5	

#### **Materials**

Body: Aluminium
Cover: Steel
Diaphragm: NBR rubber

For further informations please see the Instruction Manual D103657X012.

## **DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS**

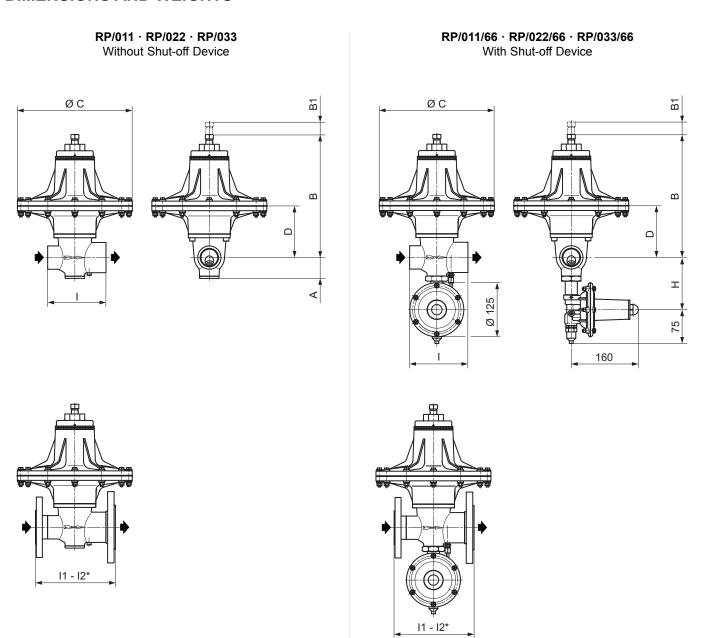


Figure 4. RP Series Dimensions (mm)

Trens	D	N		А В	D D4	C D	_	ı	I1*	I2*	н	Weight Kg
Type	Inlet	Outlet	A		B1		ן					
RP/011	1"	1 1/4"	50	280	120	206	102	135	185	195	-	6.5
RP/011/66	1"	1 1/4"	-	280	120	206	102	135	185	195	125	7.7
RP/022	1 1/4"	2"	50	300	120	266	106	135	185	200	-	10.5
RP/022/66	1 1/4"	2"	-	300	120	266	106	135	185	200	125	11.7
RP/033	2"	3"	70	300	120	266	120	160	230	270	-	13
RP/033/66	2"	3"	-	300	120	266	120	160	230	270	142	14.2

<sup>\*</sup> I1 Flanged connections PN 16-25-40 • I2 Flanged connections CL 300

## **OPERATION**

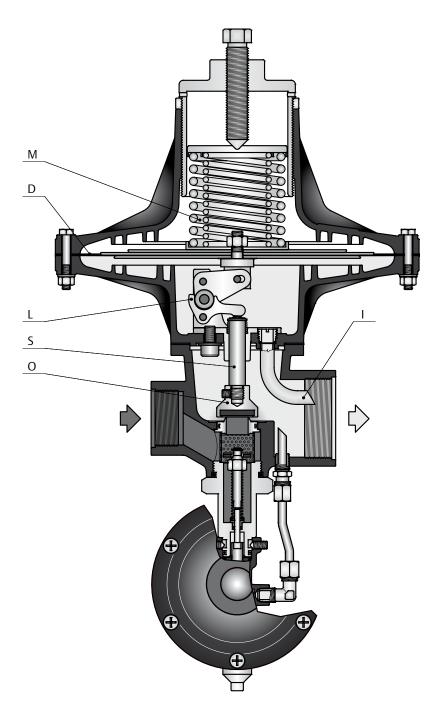


Figure 5. RP Series Operational Schematic

The movements of the diaphragm (D) are transmitted to the valve disc (O) by the stem (S) and the levers system (L). The downstream pressure through the pulse pipe (I) exerts a force under diaphragm (D) and this force is counteracted by the adjusting springs (M).

The gas pressure on the diaphragm tends to close the valve disc; the antagonist action of the adjustment springs tends to open it. Under normal conditions the balance between these antagonist actions positions the valve disc in such a way as to ensure a constant pressure and therefore the downstream capacity.

Upon any capacity variation tending to cause an increase or decrease of pressure in relation to the pre-set pressure, the moving unit reacts and finds a new balance, so re-establishing the pressure.

For the OS/66 slam-shut controller operation please see the D103657X012 instruction manual.

## **INSTALLATION**

- Ensure that the data found on the regulator plate are compatible with usage requirements.
- Ensure that the regulator is mounted in accordance with the direction of flow indicated by the arrow.

## **WARNING**

Installation shall be in accordance with national standard for material use limitations in gas pressure reducing stations. Only qualified personnel should install or service a regulator. Regulators should be installed, operated, and maintained in accordance with international and applicable codes and regulations. If the regulator vents fluid or a leak develops in the system, it indicates that service is required. Failure to take the regulator out of service immediately may create a hazardous condition.

Personal injury, equipment damage, or leakage due to escaping fluid or bursting of pressure-containing parts may result if this regulator is over pressured or is installed where service conditions could exceed the limits given in the Characteristics section, or where conditions exceed any ratings of the adjacent piping or piping connections. To avoid such injury or damage, provide pressure-relieving or pressure-limiting devices (as required by the appropriate code, regulation, or standard) to prevent service conditions from exceeding limits.

Additionally, physical damage to the regulator could result in personal injury and property damage due to escaping fluid. To avoid such injury and damage, install the regulator in a safe location. Before installation, check shall be done if service conditions are consistent with use limitations and if pilot set-up of possible built-in safety shut-off device are in accordance with service conditions of protected equipment.

All means for venting have to be provided in the assemblies where the pressure equipment are installed (ENs 12186 & 12279).

All means for draining have to be provided in the equipment installed before regulators & shut-off devices (ENs 12186 & 12279).

Further the ENs 12186 & 12279, where this product is used :

- provide the cathodic protection and electrical isolation to avoid any corrosion and
- in accordance with clause 7.3/7.2 of aforesaid standards, the gas shall be cleaned by proper filters/separators/ scrubbers to avoid any technical & reasonable hazard of erosion or abrasion for pressure containing parts.

Pressure equipment in subject shall be installed in non-seismic area and hasn't to undergo fire and thunderbolt action.

Clean out all pipelines before installation of the regulator and check to be sure the regulator has not been damaged or has collected foreign material during shipping.

For threaded bodies, apply pipe compound to the male pipe threads.

For flanged bodies, use suitable line gaskets and approved piping and bolting practices. Install the regulator in any position desired, unless otherwise specified, but be sure flow through the body is in the direction indicated by the arrow on the body.

Installation must be done avoiding anomalous stresses on the body and using suitable joint means according equipment dimensions and service conditions.

For a correct and safe use of the connections check also Instruction Manual and Bulletin before installation.

User has to check and carry out any protection suitable for assembly's specific environment.

Note: It is important that the regulator be installed so that the vent hole in the spring case is unobstructed at all times.

For outdoor installations, the regulator should be located away from vehicular traffic and positioned so that water, ice, and other foreign materials cannot enter the spring case through the vent.

Avoid placing the regulator beneath eaves or downspouts, and be sure it is above the probable snow level.

## **STARTUP**

The regulator and/or slam-shut controller is factory set at approximately the midpoint of the spring range or the pressure requested, so an initial adjustment may be required to give the desired results.

With proper installation completed and relief valves properly adjusted, slowly open the upstream and downstream line valves.

- a. Slightly and very slowly open the outlet cut-off valve.
- b. In case of models fitted with slam-shut valve, relatch the valve by first loosening cap (C) and then screwing it onto the stem, after which pull cap outwards until a click is heard, indicating that balls are duly engaged.
- c. Slightly and very slowly open the inlet cut-off valve.
- d. Wait for outlet pressure to stabilize.
- e. Finally, slowly open inlet and outlet cut-off valves fully.

## **ADJUSTMENT**

To change the outlet pressure, turn the adjusting nut (key. 1) clockwise to increase outlet pressure or counter clockwise to decrease pressure.

Monitor the outlet pressure with a test gauge during the adjustment.

## SHUTDOWN



## **WARNING**

To avoid personal injury resulting from sudden release of pressure, isolate the regulator from all pressure before attempting disassembly and release trapped pressure from the equipment and pressure line.

In case of disassembly of main pressure retaining parts for checks and maintenance procedures, external and internal tightness tests have to be done according applicable codes.

## PERIODICAL CHECKS



## CAUTION

It is recommended that checks be made periodically on the efficiency of the regulator and pilots.

## **Regulator Checking**

Slowly close the outlet cut-off valve and check pressure in the length of pipe between the regulator and the valve.

If the system is functioning properly, an increase in outlet pressure will be noticed due to lock-up pressure, after which pressure will stabilize.

If, on the contrary, outlet pressure continues increasing, the system is not functioning properly due to improper valve disc tightness. In this case, close the valve located upstream of regulator and carry out maintenance procedures.

## Slam-Shut Controller Checking (if installed)

See the Instruction Manual D103657X012.

## **MAINTENANCE (SEE FIGURE 6)**



## **WARNING**

All maintenance procedures must be carried out only by qualified personnel. If necessary, contact our technical support representatives or our authorized dealers.

The regulator and it's pressure accessories are subject to normal wear and must be inspected periodically and replaced if necessary.

The frequency of inspection/checks and replacement depends upon the severity of service conditions and according to applicable National or Industry codes, standards and regulations/recommendations.

In accordance with applicable National or Industry codes, standards and regulations/recommendations, all hazards covered by specific tests after final assembling before applying the CE marking, shall be covered also after every subsequent reassembly at installation site, in order to ensure that the equipment will be safe throughout its intended life.

Before proceeding with any maintenance work, shutoff the gas upstream and downstream from the regulator, also ensure that there is no gas under pressure inside the body by loosening the upstream and downstream connections.

Upon completion, check for leaks using suds.

## **General Maintenance**

- a. Remove the adjusting screw (key 1), the ring nut (key 2), the plate (key 4) and the springs (key 5 and 6); unscrew the screws (key 48) and take off the upper cover (key 7).
- b. Dismount the diaphragm group, unscrewing the nut (key 8), take off the plates (key 49 and 51), replace the diaphragm (key 47) and the gasket (key 46).
- c. Unscrew the screw (key 60) and dismount the lower cover (key 42) from the body (key 40).
- d. Unscrew the screw (key 20), dismount the pad holder (key 21), replace the pad (key 22) and the gasket (key 41).
- e. Unscrew the screw (key 52), take off the levers group, and check the parts and if you find any wear sign, replace them all.

#### f. Versions without shut-off device:

unscrew the plug (key 68), dismount the filter (key 37) and the seat (key 38), if it's worn o scored replace it. Replace the O-ring (key 34 and 39).

## Versions with shut-off device:

remove impulse line (A) and loosen dowels (G) and remove the OS/66 slam-shut controller. Unscrew the plug (key 29), dismount the filter (key 37) and the seat (key 38), if it's worn o scored replace it. Replace the O-ring (key 34 and 39).

## Relatching Unit Maintenance (if installed)

- a. Trigger the OS/66 slam-shut controller and remove impulse line (A).
- b. Loosen dowels (G) and remove the OS/66.
- c. Unscrew the plug (key 29) and check stem (key 28). If worn, replace the stem by unscrewing pad-holder (key 33) and dismantling the various components.

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- d. Carefully clean and check all components, replacing those worn out.
- e. Lubricate moving parts and reassemble components by carrying out the afore-described steps in reverse order.

Check the correct relatching of the slam-shut controller (see Startup item b).

See the Instruction Manual D103657X012 for the slam-shut controller maintenance.

## Reassembling

Lubricate all seals with "MOLYKOTE 55 M" and be very careful not to damage them when reassembling.

Reassemble by reversing the above steps.

As you proceed, make sure that parts move freely and without friction.

In addition:

- Diaphragm (key 47) is properly reassembled by lubricating it with some grease and by carefully fitting it into the case of the lower cover (key 42).
- b. All screws are duly tightened in order to ensure proper sealing.

- c. If installed check the correct relatching of the slam-shut controller (see Startup item b).
- d. Check for leaks using suds.

## **SPARE PARTS**

Spare parts storage shall be done by proper procedures according to national standard/rules to avoid over aging or any damage.

## **TROUBLESHOOTING**

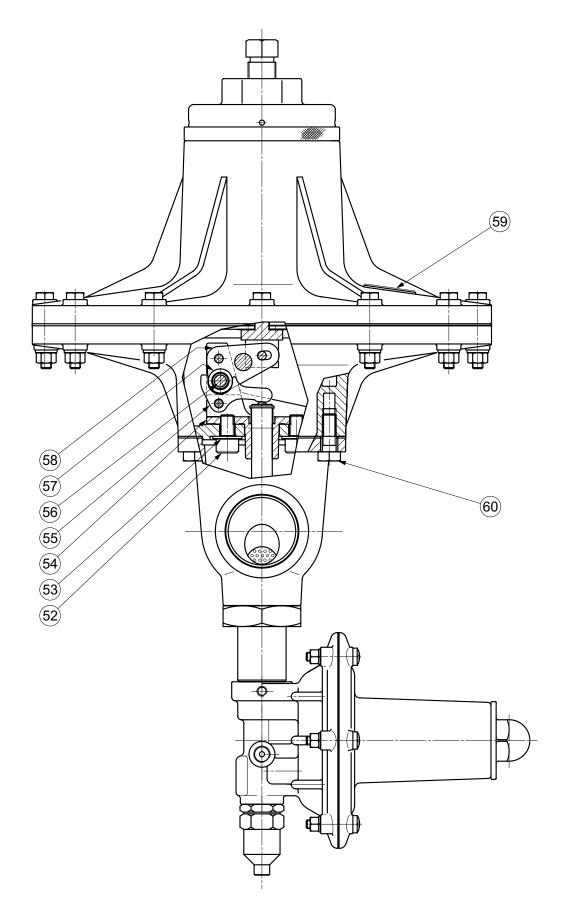
Table 3. General Troubleshooting for RP Series

SYMPTOMS	CAUSE	ACTIONS			
The regulator deep not open	Lack of incoming gas	Check the station feeding			
The regulator does not open	The slam-shut controller has not been reset	Manually reset the slam-shut controller			
	Insufficient upstream pressure	Check the station feeding			
Drop in pressure downstream from the regulator	Flow requirements higher than the flow that the regulator can supply	Check the regulator sizing			
	Filter upstream is obstructed	Clean or replace it			
	Tight shutoff gaskets are worn	To be replaced			
Increase in pressure downstream from the regulator or slam-shut device being activated	Deposits of grime on the tight shutoff pad are obstructing proper positioning of the shutter	Clean or replace it			
	Diaphragm damaged	To be replaced			
Slam-shut device does not execute tight shutoff procedure	O-ring and/or slam-shut pad worn	To be replaced			
	Slam-shut seat damaged	To be replaced			

#### **PARTS LIST** Description Key 2 Adjusting screw 2 Ring nut 3 3 Adjusting Plate 4 5 Spring Spring 6 5 7 Upper cover (51)8 Autolocking nut 6 Plate (50) 10\* Gasket 7 Fork stem 11 (49)Elastic ring 12 13 Pin 8 (48) 14 Elastic ring Spring 15 9 (47 Connection 16 17 Pipe (10) 18 Stem group (46)19\* Gasket 20 Screw (45) Pad holder 21 22\* Pad (44) 23 Pipe 24 Connection (43) 25 Elbow connection Slam-shut controller OS/66 26 (12) 27\* O-ring **11**) 28 Stem (42)Plug 29 O-ring (12) 303 (41)31 Slam-shut spring carrier 32 Spring (13) 33 Pad holder (40)343 O-ring (14)35\* Pad group (39) 36 Elastic ring (15) 37 Filter (38)38 Seta (16) 393 O-ring (37)40 Body (17)41\* Gasket (36)42 Lower cover (18) 43 Pin (35) 44 Nut (19) 45 Washer (34)463 Gasket Diaphragm 47 (20) (33)48 Screw 49 Plate (21) 50 Plate (32)51 Plate (22)52 Screw G (31)53 Washer 23 54 Support (30)Α 55 Lever (24)56 Needle 57 Needle 58 Fork lever 59 Label 60 Screw (26)61 Plate 62 O-ring 63 Hub 64 Flange Flange 65 66 Hub 67 O-ring C 68 Plug Plug 69

Rubber parts marked with (\*) are supplied in the "spare parts kit", recommended as stock. To order the kit it is necessary to communicate to us the type of the regulator and its serial number.

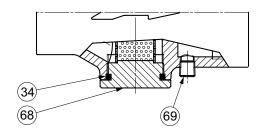
Figure 6. RP Series Regulator



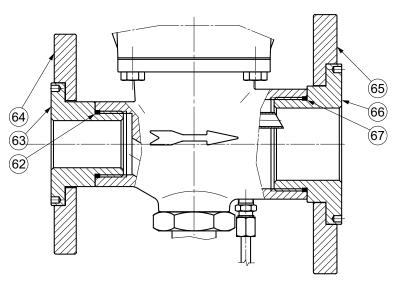
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Figure 6. RP Series Regulator (continued)

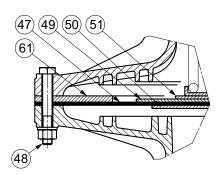
## VERSION WITHOUT SLAM-SHUT



## FLANGED VERSION



## OUTLET PRESSURE > 2 BAR VERSION



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Figure 6. RP Series Regulator (continued)

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