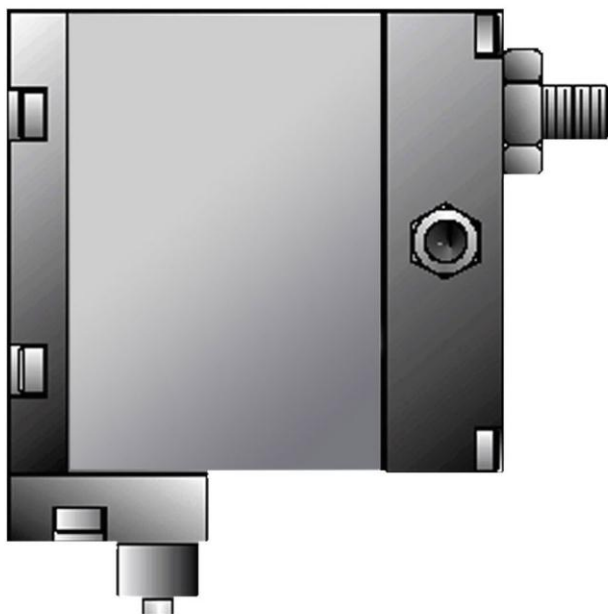


Model 826

Disposable Fluid Path Valve
User Guide



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Introduction

Introduction to the User Guide

This guide describes how to assemble, use, and maintain the Dymax Model 826 dispensing valve safely and efficiently.

Intended Audience

Dymax prepared this user guide for experienced process engineers, maintenance technicians, and manufacturing personnel. If you are new to pneumatically operated fluid dispensing equipment and do not understand the instructions, contact Dymax Application Engineering to answer your questions before using the equipment.

Where to Get Help

Additional resources are available to ensure a trouble-free experience with our products:

- Detailed product information on www.dymax.com
- Customer Support and Applications Engineering teams available by phone and email in the United States, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. You can also email Dymax at info@dymax.com. See the back cover for worldwide contact information.
- Dymax adhesive Product Data Sheets (PDS) on our website
- Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) provided with shipments of Dymax adhesives

Safety



WARNING! *If you use this fluid dispensing equipment without first reading and understanding the information in this guide, personal injury can result from the uncontrolled release of high-pressure gas, injection injury, or exposure to chemicals. To reduce the risk of injury, read and understand this guide before assembling and using Dymax fluid dispensing equipment.*

General Safety Considerations

All users of Dymax fluid dispensing equipment should read and understand the user guide before assembling and using the equipment.

To learn about the safe handling and use of dispensing fluids, obtain and read the MSDS for each fluid before using it. Dymax includes an MSDS with each adhesive sold. MSDS for Dymax products are available for download on the Dymax website.

Specific Safety Considerations

Using Safe Operating Pressures

Pressurizing the components in the dispensing system beyond the maximum recommended pressure can result in the rupturing of components and serious personal injury. To minimize the risk of rupturing components and injury, do not exceed the maximum operating pressure of the components in your fluid dispensing system (see system specifications on page 16).

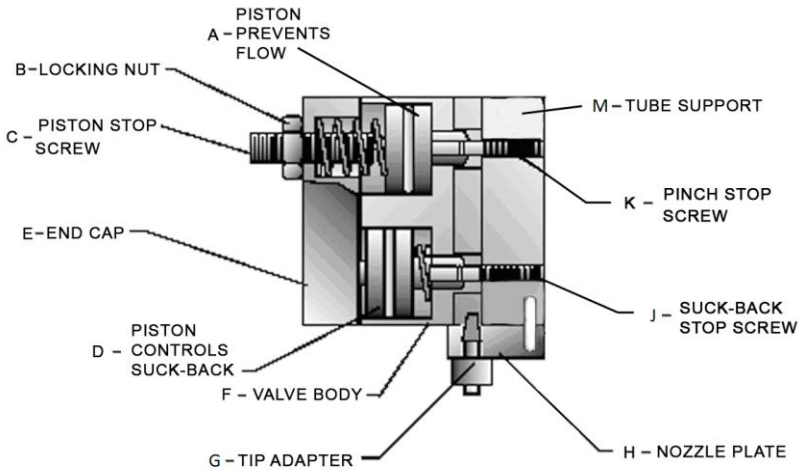
Preventing Injection Injury

Discharging fluids or compressed air with a dispensing tip against your skin can cause very serious injection injury. To minimize the risk of injection injury, do not place the dispensing tip in contact with your skin.

Product Overview

Description of the Model 826 Dispensing Valve

The Model 826 is a dual-piston, normally closed pinch valve. This pneumatically operated valve dispenses a wide variety of materials but is specifically designed to easily dispense thicker, stringy materials. The 826 dispensing valve is highly precise, obtaining its precision from lockable controls that facilitate the adjustment of three critical parameters: the flow rate through the valve, the amount of tube closure, and suck-back.

Figure 1. Model 826 Internal Component Diagram

Special Features and Benefits of the Model 826

Feature	Benefit
Over-Pinch Adjustment	Prevents tubing damage, allowing users to secure millions of cycles from tubing before replacement is required
Disposable fluid path	Eliminates material contamination during dispense
	Prevent air entrapment during dispensing process
	Allows for easy product changeover with minimal cleanup
	Fluid and valve's inner components never come in contact, reducing valve maintenance and extending valve life
Adjustable Suck Back	Clean shutoff of thick, tacky, and/or stringy materials
	Minimizes skinning over of dispense tip

Disposable Fluid Path

The Model 826 valve features a disposable fluid path constructed out of tubing. Fluids are carried from the material reservoir to the dispense tip in a completely sealed path, ensuring no contact with the valve's inner parts. This reduces wear to the valve's inner parts, which reduces valve maintenance and extends the valve's life. It also insures that fluids remain contaminate free throughout the dispensing process.

The Model 826 is compatible with a variety of different tubing sizes and materials ensuring complete compatibility with the fluids being dispensed. The disposable fluid path is easy to replace and change out, allowing for easy material changeover with little or no clean-up.

Over-Pinch Adjustment

All Dymax disposable fluid path valves contain a unique over-pinch adjustment feature. This adjustment can prevent damage to the fluid path, thereby extending the life of the tubing and reducing the amount it needs to be replaced.

Suck-Back Feature

The suck-back feature on the 826 valve allows for the clean shutoff of stringy and tacky materials and prevents the formation of a droplet at the end of the dispense nozzle. The suck-back feature also minimizes the "skinning" over of materials that tend to dry out at the end of the nozzle.

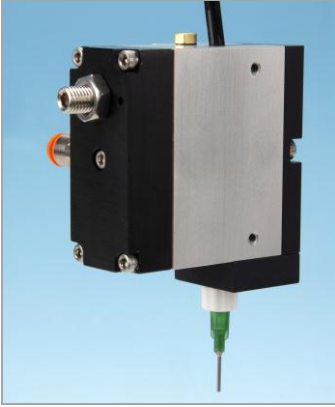
Assembly and Setup

Unpacking and Inspecting Your Shipment

When your Model 826 dispensing valve arrives, inspect the boxes and notify the shipper of any damage immediately.

Open each box and check for equipment damage. If parts are damaged, notify the shipper and submit a claim for the damaged parts. Contact Dymax so that new parts can be shipped to you immediately.

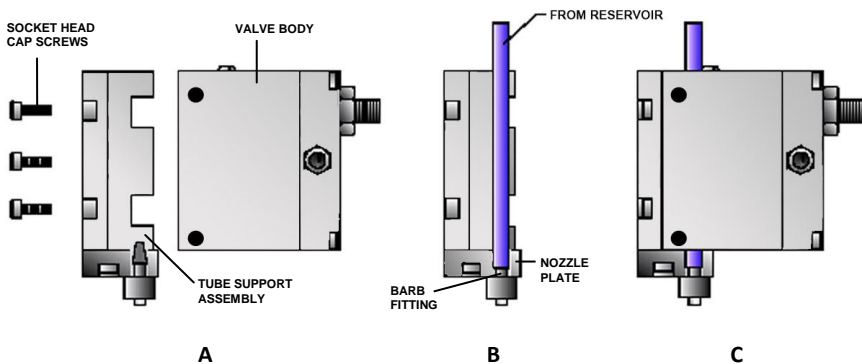
Check that the parts included in your order match those listed below. If parts are missing, contact your local Dymax representative or Dymax Customer Support to resolve the problem.

Figure 2. Model 826 Pinch Valve

Parts Included in the Model 826 Dispensing Valve

- Model 826 pinch valve
- 0.25" [0.63 cm] OD black, polyethylene tubing
 - Note: Teflon®, silicone, and other tubing materials, along with a variety of fittings, are also available from Dymax.*
- Assorted dispense tip kit
- Model 826 user guide

Tubing Installation

Figure 3. Tubing Installation Procedure

NOTE: *The Model 826 is supplied with 0.25" (0.63 mm) O.D. polyethylene tubing. Other tubing sizes and materials (including polyethane, PVC, and silicone) are available for order through Dymax. This valve is compatible with a maximum tubing size of 0.25" (0.63 cm) OD.*

1. Remove the Tube Support Assembly by loosening the three 8-32 x 3/8" Socket Head Cap Screws (Figure 3, A).
2. Install the Tubing over the Barb Fitting on the Nozzle Plate or insert the Tubing through the hole provided (Figure 3, B).
3. Reinstall the Tubing Support Assembly to the Valve Body (Figure 3, C).

Mounting

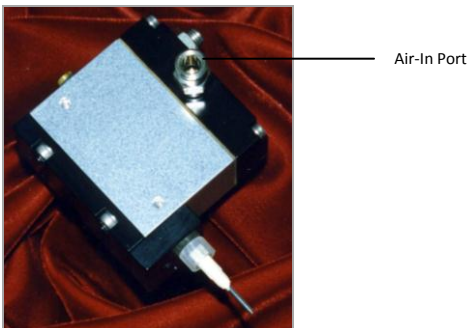
NOTE: *If the dispense valve is to be mounted in an area that limits access to the valve, it is recommended that the set-up operation be done prior to mounting. Access to various surfaces of the valve is necessary for periodic adjustment (see Specifications).*

There are two 6-32 x .25 DP tapped holes on both sides of the dispense valve for mounting purposes (see Figure 8).

System Interconnect

Once the dispense valve is secured to its mounting surface, connect the air line to the port provided on the valve (Figure 4). Connect your air supply (60-90 psi [4.1- 6.3 bar]) to your valve controller or 3-way solenoid valve (a valve controller or a 3-way solenoid valve must be used to operate the Model 826 valve (CV of 0.01 or greater)).

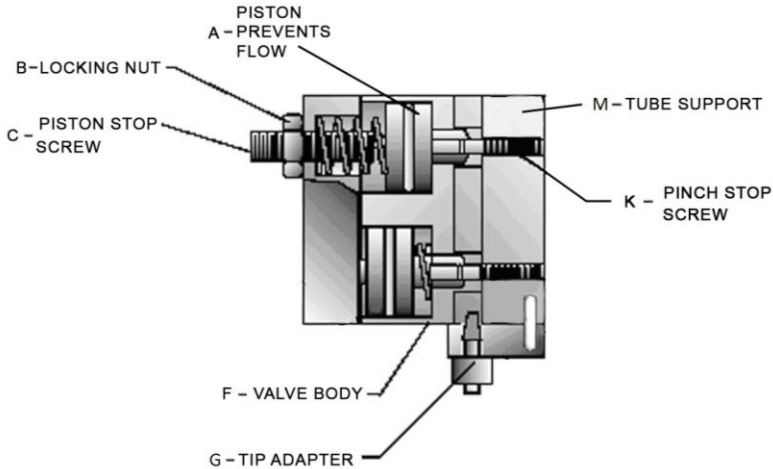
Figure 4. Air-In Port



Material Flow & Suck-Back Adjustment

Adjusting Material Flow

Figure 5. Model 826 Flow Adjustment Procedure Components



It is very important that the Tube Support (Figure 5, M) be firmly in place for the valve to function properly. Check to be sure that the Tube Support is flush against the Valve Body (Figure 5, F).

To set the Piston (Figure 5, A) for the proper pinch of the fluid path (amount of closing and opening) with the Tube connected to the Material Reservoir, gradually pressurize the Reservoir and adjust the valve-piston pinch using the following steps:

1. Set the Reservoir's pressure to 5 psi [0.3 bar].

Note: If the Pinch Stop Screw (Figure 5, K) prevents the Piston (Figure 5, A) from closing the Tubing, flow will begin as soon as the Reservoir is pressurized.

2. With the hex wrench provided, turn the Pinch Stop Screw (Figure 5, K) counter-clockwise until the Tube is sufficiently closed to stop the flow of material.
3. After the Tube is sufficiently closed, slowly turn the Pinch Stop Screw (Figure 5, K) clockwise until drops of liquid form at the Nozzle Tip (Figure 5, G).
4. Turn the Pinch Stop Screw (Figure 5, K) counter-clockwise just enough to close the Tube and stop the flow, but not to over-pinch it. Turning the screw 15 degrees more than zero-

flow will usually provide a correct setting. The Pinch Stop Screw is now correctly set up to provide the minimal wear and tear on the Tube.

5. After adjusting the Pinch Stop Screw (Figure 5, K), loosen the Locking Nut (Figure 5, B) and turn the Piston Stop Screw (Figure 5, C) clockwise until you feel resistance. The resistance you feel is the Piston Adjustment Screw pressing against the Piston (Figure 5, A). The Pinch Stop Screw is now set to a closed position.

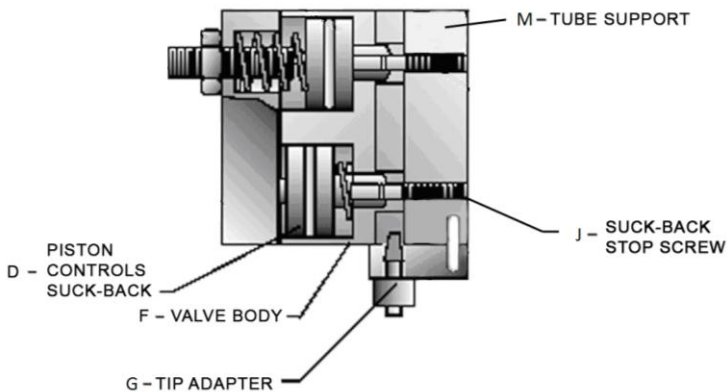
Note: You may cut the tubing if you tighten the Piston Adjustment Screw (I) too much.

6. To set the Piston (Figure 5, A) to the desired amount of opening, turn the Piston Stop Screw (Figure 5, C) counter-clockwise from the closed position as described above. Once the desired amount of opening is reached, retighten the Locking Nut (Figure 5, B).

Note: One full turn of the Piston Stop Screw (Figure 5, C) equals 0.042 inches [0.1 cm] of travel.

Adjusting Suck Back

Figure 6. Suck-Back Adjustment Procedure Components

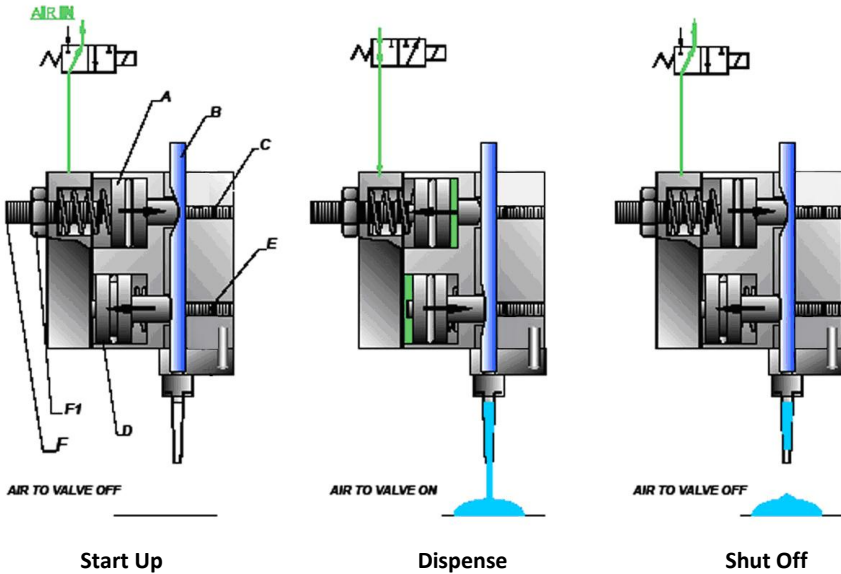


Use the following steps to set the Suck-Back Piston (Figure 6, D):

1. Tighten the Suck-Back Stop Screw (Figure 6, J) clockwise until the screw is bottomed out.
2. Turn the Suck-Back Stop Screw (Figure 6, J) approximately 1/2 a turn counter-clockwise. Greater suck-back is achieved by turning the Suck-Back Stop Screw counter-clockwise.

Operating the Dispensing Valve

Figure 7. Stages of Valve Operation



Start Up

When the valve is off/unactuated, the pinching surface of the spring-closed Upper Piston (Figure 7, A) prevents flow by collapsing the Tube (Figure 7, B). The Pinch Stop Adjusting Screw (Figure 7, C) limits the amount of pinch, which limits the stress on the Tube and extends the tubing life and insures shot repeatability. The blunt Lower Piston (Figure 7, D) is held in its open position by a spring. The Adjusting Screw (Figure 7, E), which determines the amount that this piston will close the tubing when actuated, is set to a position that will allow approximately a 50% tube closure.

Dispense

When the valve is on, the air moves the Upper Piston (Figure 7, A) back to the Adjustable Stop (Figure 7, F). This stop controls the amount the tube opens, which in turn controls the rate of flow through the tube. These actions, combined with nozzle size (if a nozzle is used), fluid pressure, and the amount of time the 826 valve is open, governs the amount of fluid

dispensed. Simultaneous with the action of the Upper Piston (Figure 7, A), the blunt Lower Piston (Figure 7, D) moves forward until it stops against the Adjusting Screw (Figure 7, E). This causes the piston to partially occlude the Tubing (Figure 7, B).

Shut Off

When the valve is at the end of its dispense cycle, the actuating air exhausts. The upper piston spring moves the Piston (Figure 7, A) forward where it pinches the Tubing (Figure 7, B). At precisely the same moment, the blunt Lower Piston (Figure 7, D) is released so that its spring can also return to its original position. The lower portion of the tube (Figure 7, B) returns to its normal (open) shape. Suck-back is created from the change in the tubing shape. The valve is now ready to repeat the cycle. Fine adjustments can be made to both flow rate and suck-back to obtain the required results.

Troubleshooting

Table 1. Troubleshooting Chart for Model 826 Dispensing Valve

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
The valve does not dispense anything	The supply air pressure is too low	Increase the supply air pressure
	Material is cured in the tip	Disassemble and clean the tip
	The flow adjustment is not properly adjusted	Follow the flow adjustment procedure
There are air bubbles in the fluid	The valve is not properly purged	Point the valve up and cycle it until the air bubbles are removed
	There is a problem with the material reservoir and the fluid delivery system	Diagnose and repair
Material leaks from the valve tip	The flow adjustment is not properly adjusted	Follow the flow adjustment procedure
	There is an air bubble trapped in the fluid section of the valve or in the dispense tip	Point the valve up and cycle it until air bubbles are purged out
The dispense rate is too fast	The fluid pressure is set too high	Decrease the fluid pressure
	The dispense tip gauge is too large	Replace the dispense tip with a smaller size tip
	The flow adjustment is not properly adjusted	Follow the flow adjustment procedure
The dispense rate is too slow	The fluid pressure is set too low	Increase the fluid pressure
	The dispense tip gauge is too small	Replace the dispense tip with a larger size tip
	The flow adjustment is not properly adjusted	Follow the flow adjustment procedure

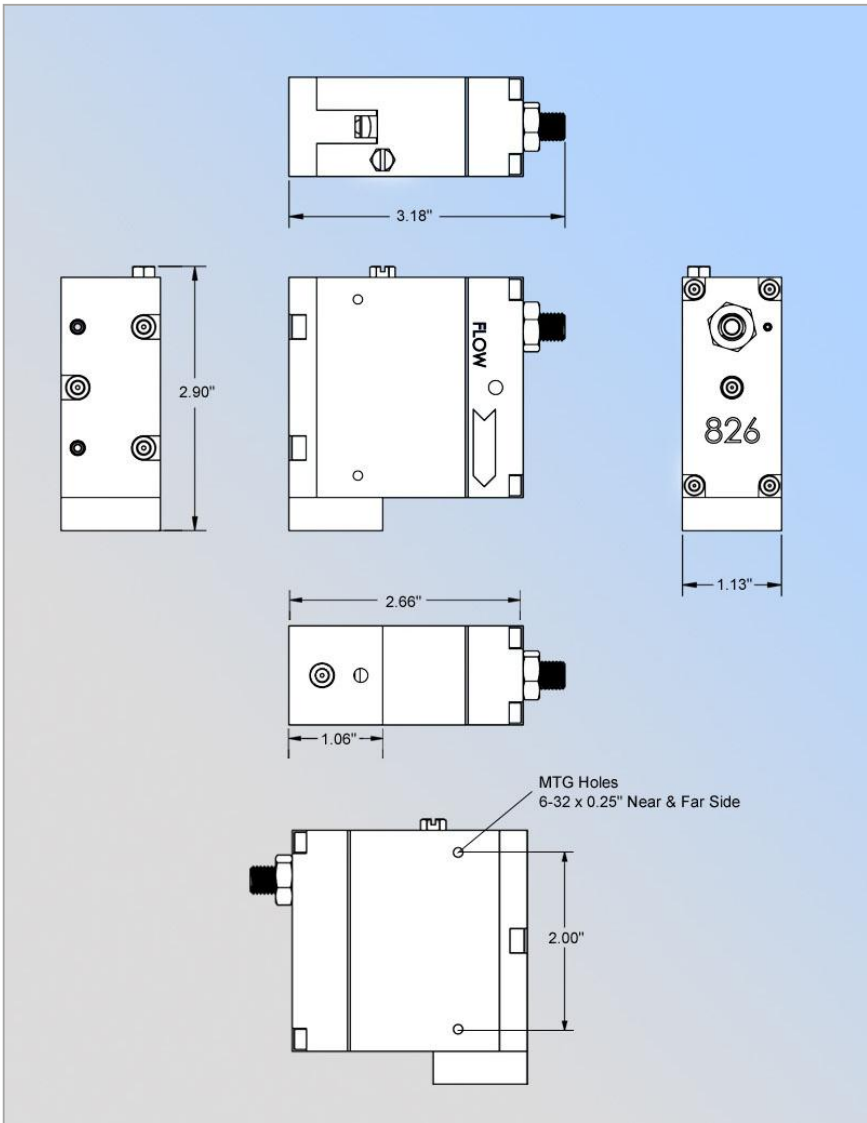
Spare Parts and Accessories

Item	Part Number
Air Regulators	
Filter Regulator	T16307
High-Precision Regulator	T16629
Controllers	
DVC-345 Digital Valve Controller	T11146
Stands	
Lab Stand – 24" [60.96 cm]	T15279
Lab Stand – 8" [20.32 cm] with Mounting Rods	T15449
Tubing	
Black Polyethylene Tubing, 0.25" [0.63 cm] OD, 0.17" [0.43 cm] ID	T15494
Male Luer Barb, Black	T15736

Specifications

Property	Specification
Part Numbers	T17586 - Model 826 valve with 0.25" [0.63 cm] OD Polyethylene tubing
Valve Type	Pinch with disposable fluid path
Construction Material	Anodized Aluminum
Operating Air Pressure	60-90 psi [4.1-6.3 bar]
Maximum Inlet Fluid Pressure	Tubing dependent; 100 psi [6.9 bar] maximum (typical)
Maximum Operating Temperature	150°F [65°C]
Maximum Tubing Size	0.25" [0.63 cm] OD
Activation	Valve controller or 3-way solenoid valve
Dimensions (W x H x D)	1.13" x 2.5" x 2.66" [2.87 cm x 6.35 cm x 6.75 cm] (See Figure 8)
Weight	11 oz [312 kg]
Unit Warranty	1 years from purchase date

Figure 8. Model 826 Dimensional Drawing



Warranty

From date of purchase, Dymax Corporation offers a one-year warranty against defects in material and workmanship on all system components with proof of purchase and purchase date. Unauthorized repair, modification, or improper use of equipment may void your warranty benefits. The use of aftermarket replacement parts not supplied or approved by Dymax Corporation, will void any effective warranties and may result in damage to the equipment.

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