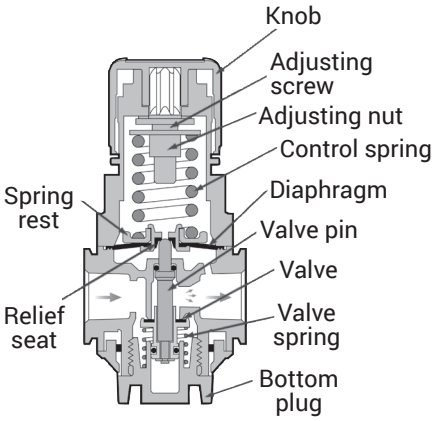
Data Sheet

Simple Regulator Troubleshooting

The Right Connection®

General Purpose Regulator



Malfunction	Possible cause	Remedy
Regulator creep (increase in secondary pressure due to leak from primary)	Dirty or cut valve elastomers. Nick in valve seat.	Replace or clean valve. If body or valve seat is damaged it can be replaced on some models. On others replacement of complete regulator is required.
Won't relieve secondary pressure	Non-relieving diaphragm assembly.	If this feature is required, replace with relieving type diaphragm assembly.
Won't reach desired pressure	Regulating spring with low spring rate.	Use regulating spring with spring rate designed to cover desired range.
Excessive leak from relief hole	Damaged relief seat. Ruptured diaphragm. Leakage past valve causing secondary to increase somewhat and open relief seat.	Replace diaphragm assembly. Replace or clean valve.
Regulator chatter	A resonant condition is generally only encountered under a certain set of conditions of flow and pressure and then only in some applications in which regulator couples with other system components.	Replace spring with a higher pressure range spring. Replace with a piston type regulator since they have less tendency to chatter.
Regulator difficult to adjust	Adjusting screw or knob locking device in locked position. Contaminants in adjusting screw threads.	Pull to unlock knob and adjust; push knob to lock. Threaded adjusting screws: loosen lock nut, remove adjusting screw, clean thread and lubricate. Place some lubricant on tip of screw.

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