



Gauging a Good Medical Regulator

A good medical regulator is measured not only in quality of materials and workmanship, but also in its ability to effectively perform its task over an extended period of time. Our medical regulators continue to incorporate the latest technology and design features and must conform to an intensive quality assurance program. Simplicity of design and highest quality materials mean a minimum of maintenance and a maximum of reliability.

1. Lateral Flow Passages

Instead of impinging directly on the diaphragm, the gas enters the low pressure chamber through a side orifice of the Capsule®. This smooth transition from high pressure to low pressure reduces the effects of gas surge on the diaphragm and minimizes regulator hum. In addition, the lateral flow passages induce a swirling effect which yields a completely swept internal cavity for complete purging.

2. Multiple Orifice Sizes

Each regulator has a specially designed Capsule® to optimize regulator characteristics over a broad range of applications. However, there are applications requiring higher or lower flows than the standard Capsule® can offer. By substituting a Capsule® with a larger or smaller orifice, CONCOA can tailor the regulator to meet a specific requirement.

3. PTFE Seat

The standard seat material is high density PTFE. PTFE is an inert material which will not react with or contaminate any high purity gas. In addition, PTFE retains its sealing properties over a wider temperature range than other seat materials. The inlet pressure rating of all CONCOA regulators with a PTFE seat is 3000 PSIG (210 BAR). With the optional PCTFE seated Capsule® the pressure rating increases to 4500 PSIG (310 BAR).

4. High Load Marginal Spring

The purpose of the marginal spring is to close the seat independently of gas pressures. The innovative CONCOA Capsule® utilizes a high force spring that assures a gas-tight seal under all conditions.

5. 10-micron Filter

Particles trapped between the seat and orifice prevent proper seat closure, causing the regulator to fail. The Capsule® incorporates a 10-micron filter which completely surrounds the seat components to prevent the entrance of these damaging particles, virtually eliminating the cause of such seat failures. In addition, this filter is very fine, and its large surface area is resistant to clogging which allows unrestricted flow. The 10-micron filter is a key factor in the long life and reliable performance of all CONCOA regulators. The Stainless Steel 10-micron Mesh Capsule® is patented CONCOA technology.

