



User manual  
Pressure control panel  
BE55-2U-VCR

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# 1 Introduction

This user manual is the original user manual for the Pressure control panel BE55-2U-VCR from Spectron Gas Control Systems GmbH, referred to as Spectron.

The user manual is intended to facilitate correct and safe operation for the operating firm, and to warn against misuse. It is intended for the qualified personnel and the operator of the facility.



## **WARNING**

### **Incorrect operation**

Incorrect operation of the system, e.g. due to instruction errors, can lead to personal injury or damage to the system.

- a) Access to the user manual by the operating and maintenance personnel must be absolutely ensured at all times.
- b) A copy of the system documentation including the user manual must therefore be kept either on the system or in a suitable and accessible location.

The pressure control panel constitutes an incomplete machine in the context of Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC. The installation declaration can be found in the appendix to the user manual. Commissioning is not permitted until the incomplete machine has been installed into a complete machine and this corresponds to the provisions of the EC Machinery Directive and the EC Declaration of Conformity according to appendix II A. The chapters relating to operation require a connected and operational controller. This controller must be in a manual mode. The instructions for the controller must be available.



## **NOTICE**

### **Additional components**

At the customer's request, this product can be equipped with additional components, which deviates from the standard described. This must be considered in all sections of this user manual!

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## 2 Description

### 2.1 Intended use

The intended use of the Pressure control panel BE55-2U-VCR is the expansion of a gas from a gas source and the distribution of the gas with adjustable outlet pressure.

Pressure control panels of type BE55-2U-VCR are suitable for flammable gases, non-flammable gases, oxygen as well as for ultra high purity gases from gas quality 6.0.

Depending on the equipment variant, the Pressure control panels are suitable for the following types of gases:

- inert
- reactive (oxidizing, flammable/self-igniting, toxic/corrosive)

The permissible gas types and pressure ranges are each specified on the label (see "Identification / label [► 5]").

The Pressure control panel is equipped with a process gas valve and an exhaust gas valve on each side.

The equipment versions of the Pressure control panels without electrical components may be used in an explosion hazard zone as they do not have separate ignition sources (ignition hazard assessment according to DIN EN ISO 80079-36).

Pressure control panels with electrical components that are suitable for use in an explosion hazard zone are marked on the label according to EU Directive 2014/34/EU.

To be able to use the Pressure control panels as intended, all persons working with it must comply with the specifications of the relevant user manual.

The area in which hazards can occur when used as intended is the area around the Pressure control panels. The danger zone changes depending on the system status and use.

### 2.2 Misuse

Any improper use constitutes misuse. Pressure control panels may only be used for the specified gases and in the specified pressure range. Pressure control panels with electrical components without marking according to EU Directive 2014/34/EU may not be used in an explosion hazard zone.

Furthermore, the following operating conditions are regarded as misuse:

- Use for gases in their liquid phase
- Failure to carry out inspection and maintenance work
- Pressurisation in reverse (opposite to the flow direction)
- Operation with gases that are not specified on the label
- Operation outside the permissible technical limit values
- Failure to heed and comply with any applicable legal regulations and other provisions
- Non-observance of the user manual
- Failure to heed the information on the label and in the product data sheet

### 2.3 Identification / label

The label is located on the mounting plate of the Pressure control panel.

The label provides the following details:

Details	Example
Project number	PROJECT

Article description	BE55-2U-VCR -200-10-M-M-...
Inlet pressure P1	200 bar
Outlet pressure P2	10 bar
Gas type	GAS TYPE

## 2.4 Environment

### 2.4.1 Temperatures

Normal temperatures expected in a production area are assumed when operating the system: -20°C to +60°C.

The air humidity must be below 60 % rel. humidity to prevent condensation. The operating temperature depends on the gas used.

### 2.4.2 Degree of cleanliness

Access to the system and to the escape and rescue routes must not be blocked.

The product should be kept clean (dust-free).

A suitable purge gas must be used, taking into account the quality and properties of the process gas.

Compressed air must be used for the control air at least class 5 according to ISO 8573-1.

### 2.4.3 Emissions

The A-rated sound pressure level does not exceed the value of 70 dB(A). It is not necessary to wear hearing protection.

The waste gas line or a burst disc line must not end in areas where the escaping process gas poses a hazard to persons or the environment.

Further emissions in the form of vibrations, radiation, vapours, dusts and waste water do not occur in the regular operation of the product.

## 2.5 Standards and laws

The design and construction of the Pressure control panel is subject to the following standards and directives:

2006/42/EC	Machinery Directive
2014/68/EU	Pressure Equipment Directive
2014/34/EU	ATEX directives
DIN EN ISO 12100:2010	Safety of Machinery
Safety data sheet for the gases used	Process gas and auxiliary media

Various **additional** laws, regulations and guidelines must be complied with when handling pressurised gases. Find out about the laws, regulations and guidelines that apply in your location.

BetrSichV	Betriebssicherheitsverordnung (Industrial health and safety ordinance)
ProdSG	Produktsicherheitsgesetz (Product Safety Law)
GefStoffV	Gefahrstoffverordnung (Hazardous Substances Ordinance)
TRGS 400, 407, 500, 720, 721, 722, 727, 745, 746	Technische Regeln Betriebssicherheit (Technical Regulations on Operational Safety)

TRBS 1111, 2152, 3145, 3146	Technische Regeln Betriebssicherheit (Technical Regulations on Operational Safety)
DGUV Regulation 1	German Trade Association Principles of Prevention
DGUV Rule 113-001	German Trade Association Rules on Explosion Protection
EIGA documents	

## 3 Safety

### 3.1 Basic information on the safety instructions

The product complies with the recognised technical regulations. Nevertheless, knowledge of the media used and their dangers as well as basic knowledge of the pressure control panel are prerequisites for safe and accident-free operation.

The user manual must be read and understood by every user. Instruction must be documented in writing.

The safety instructions are to be regarded as a supplement to the applicable accident prevention regulations and laws. Existing accident prevention regulations and laws must be observed in all cases.



#### NOTICE

Hazards from the operating environment of the system can lead to injuries to persons.

- a) No changes may be made to the system which result in a change in function.
- b) It is not possible to outline and cover in this manual all hazards arising from the environment or unforeseeable operating conditions of the system.

In the Safety Instructions chapter:

- Users are informed regarding hazards, residual risks and measures for risk reduction.
- The presentation of the safety instructions and the symbols is explained.
- Basic safety instructions to be observed in general are listed. Specific safety instructions are listed in the relevant chapters.



#### **DANGER**

**DANGER** indicates an imminent danger. If not avoided, death or extremely serious injuries will result.



#### **WARNING**

**WARNING** indicates a potential imminent danger. If not avoided, death or serious injury could result.



#### **CAUTION**

**CAUTION** indicates a potentially imminent danger. If not avoided, minor or moderate injury could result.



#### NOTICE

**NOTICE** indicates a potentially harmful situation. If not avoided, the system or property in its vicinity could be damaged.



## 3.2 Safety instructions

The safety instructions are to be observed by all persons working on the system. The rules and regulations for accident prevention applicable to the place of use are to be observed. The instruction of the operating and maintenance personnel on system safety must be documented.

Please pay special attention to this chapter to avoid accidents.

All measures and specifications in the safety data sheets must be implemented and observed.



### **DANGER**

#### **Gas leaks**

If gas escapes on the product, contamination of persons, fires or explosions or the displacement of atmospheric oxygen can occur! Serious or fatal injuries are possible.

- a) Do not place pipelines and fittings under mechanical stress. Never use pipelines and components as climbing aid or to secure other parts!
- b) In the event of leaks, immediately secure the affected area!
- c) Smoking and naked flame are strictly prohibited!



### **DANGER**

#### **Intended use**

Operation of the product with gases other than those specified or outside the limits may result in dangerous reactions in the system. Incorrect use poses considerable risks to operating personnel and the environment!

- a) Only use the product for gases for which it was designed.
- b) Only use the product in the specified limit values for pressure and withdrawal quantity.
- c) Usage for another type of gas or outside the limit values is prohibited and constitutes misuse.



### **DANGER**

#### **Defective product**

A defect on the product can result in unforeseeable operating conditions. Persons may be injured.

- a) The product may only be operated in technically perfect condition in compliance with all chapters of the user manual.
- b) Environmental protection laws and safety regulations must be observed.



### **WARNING**

#### **Displacement of atmospheric oxygen**

In the event of inert gas leaks, displacement of atmospheric oxygen may occur. Danger of suffocation!

- a) The operator must ensure adequate ventilation and airing in all rooms with gas installations and monitor the oxygen content.



### **⚠ WARNING**

#### **Repairs**

If the product is not used as intended, unpredictable operating conditions may occur. Serious personal injuries are possible.

- a) Repairs may not lead to a change in function. The system may not be tampered with or modified.
- b) Before each repair, the system must be depressurised and flushed through.
- c) Repairs are only permitted to be carried out by trained persons.



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### **⚠ WARNING**

#### **Working on the product**

If an accident occurs when working on the product, there is a considerable risk of injury.

- a) Never work on the product unattended or unannounced.
- b) Observe the site safety rules and permission procedure.



### **⚠ WARNING**

#### **Maintenance**

Incorrect maintenance or maintenance work performed at the incorrect time can result in damage to the system or injury to persons.

- a) To avoid static charges, do not clean the product using dry cloths. Use damp cotton cloths.
- b) The maintenance intervals are to be specified by the system operator as part of its risk assessment.
- c) Observe the maintenance intervals and maintenance guidelines from the manufacturer and the applicable guidelines.
- d) Components may only be replaced by spare parts of the same design. The specifications of the component manufacturers must be complied with during installation.



### **⚠ CAUTION**

#### **Pressure relief lines**

Discharge of hazardous media at the end of a pressure relief line or exhaust air line.

- a) Pressure relief lines may not end in areas where the escaping process gas poses a hazard to persons or the environment.
- b) The position of the pressure relief line must be carefully checked taking into account the material properties, main wind direction and other conditions.



## NOTICE

### Transportation

Persons may be injured while transporting the product.

- a) Always use suitable lifting equipment when lifting and moving heavy loads and ensure that the transport is secured correctly.



## NOTICE

### Lighting

Incorrect switching actions or confusion can occur due to inadequate lighting.

- a) Ensure sufficient lighting in accordance with the statutory regulations.

## 3.3 Emergencies and safety devices

The operational local safety regulations of the system operator, such as the alarm plan, fire safety regulations and the escape and rescue plans, apply in all cases for the operation of the Pressure control panel.

When handling gases, all specifications from the safety data sheets must be followed. Local emergency services should be informed of the gases used at the site of the system.

In the event of mechanical damage, the product must be put into a safe operating condition.

Pressure regulators and pressure control panels are equipped as standard with an integrated relief valve to protect the armatures – except for variants with outlet pressures >100 bar. The user must ensure there is a suitable safety device installed downstream, if not already included with the equipment as standard.



## NOTICE

The pressure relief valve or the burst disc are used to blow out gas that must be conveyed away via a non-permitted pressure rise.

They do not function as a safety valve for the entire gas supply system.



## CAUTION

**Overpressure in downstream armatures, pressure vessels and pipelines in the event of failure of the pressure regulator and its outlet pressure protection**

To protect downstream armatures, pressure vessels and pipelines against excess pressure, a safety device corresponding to the operating firm's regulations must be installed.

## 3.4 Qualification of the operating and maintenance personnel

The intended user group is the system operator (user of the system) and the system maintenance personnel.

Every person working on the system must be familiar with the functions and dangers associated with the overall system. Instruction on the system is to be documented in writing.

Maintenance and repair work should only be carried out by specially trained personnel.

All operators, as well as personnel who regularly enter the area, must be trained on a minimum of the following topics:

- Alarm rules at the site and conduct in the event of malfunctions and leaks
- Basic functions of the product
- User manual
- System documentation incl. manufacturer documentation
- Position of the safety devices
- Safety data sheets on the process gas used
- Personal protective equipment

In addition, operators must have the requisite physical and mental skills to operate and maintain the equipment.

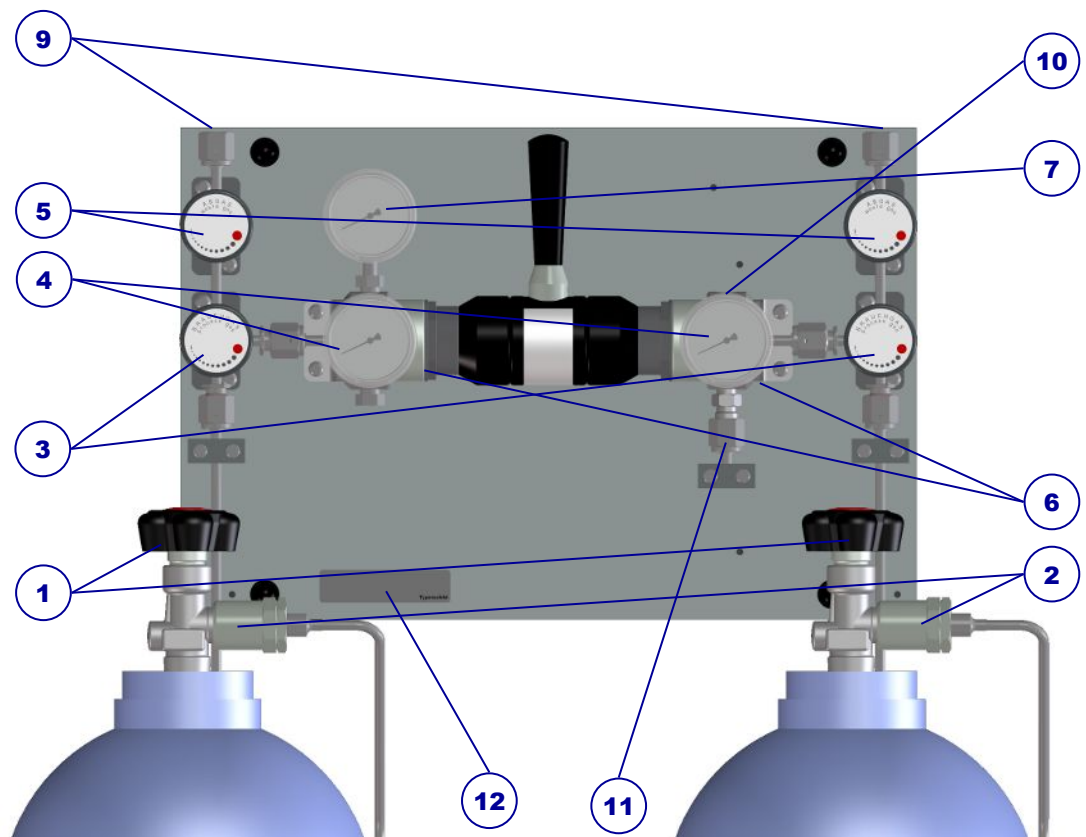
Persons who do not meet this requirement (e.g. visitors), must not remain alone in the overall system.

Operating personnel must use appropriate personal protective equipment for the activities to be performed and the associated environmental hazards. The operational instructions and the specifications of the employers' liability insurance associations and the safety data sheets must be complied with.

## 4 Design and function

### 4.1 Design

Illustration of the pressure control panel with gas cylinder connected



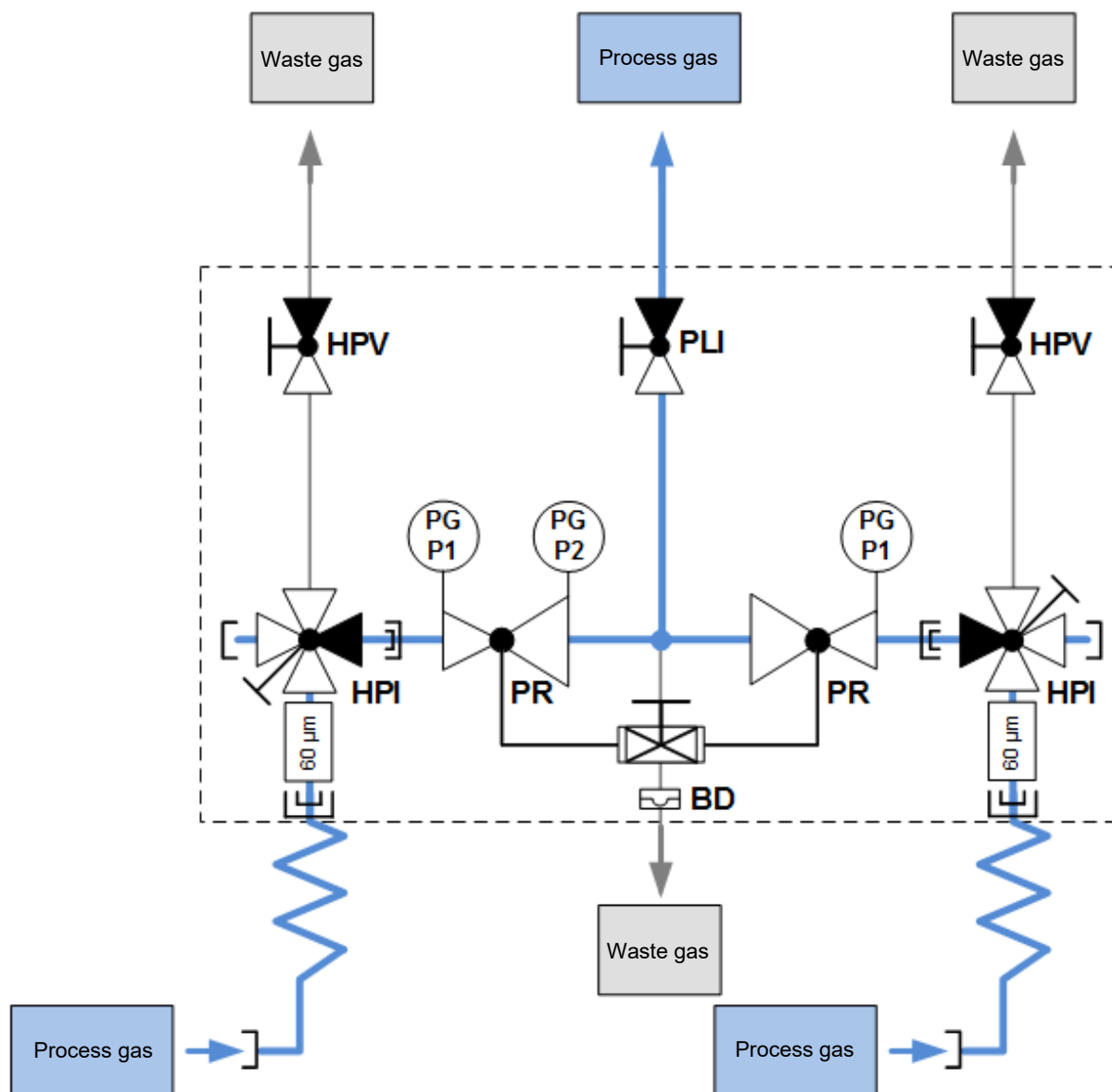
*Illustration 1:* Pressure control panel design BE55-2U-VCR

Pos.	Designation	Short name	Connection
1	Process gas source valve		
2	Cylinder connection incl. plug		Cylinder connection (see label)
3	High-pressure process gas shut-off valve	HPI	
4	Pre-pressure gauge	PG P1	
5	High-pressure waste gas valve	HPV	
6	Pressure regulator	PR	
7	Outlet pressure gauge	PG P2	
9	Waste gas connection		¼"-VCR female
10	Process gas connection		¼"-VCR female

11	Waste gas connection (burst disc)
12	Label

1/4" pipe

## 4.2 Functional description



### Illustration 2: P&ID BE55-2U-VCR

The intended use of the Pressure control panel BE55-2U-VCR is the expansion of a gas from a gas source and the distribution of the gas with adjustable outlet pressure.

## 4.3 Technical data



### NOTICE

The technical data can be taken from the data sheet for the relevant product. If this is not available, you can view and download it at [www.spectron.de](http://www.spectron.de).

The maximum input and output pressures and the gas type are given on the identification or label.

## 4.4 Boundaries and interfaces

The scope of supply includes the product as described in the "Design [► 13]" chapter. The transfer points to process gas, exhaust air and auxiliary media (incl. power supply) are the connections on the pressure control panel or product.

The following areas and functions have not been included in the scope of supply from Spectron:

- other systems, lines and installations of the overall system
- Process gas source
- Exhaust air (this applies in particular to foreseeable problems, e.g. failure of the exhaust air system)
- Supply of auxiliary media (compressed air, purge gas)
- Power supply
- Lighting
- Controller

## 5 Installation

### 5.1 General information



#### **⚠ CAUTION**

##### **Injury or damage in the event of incorrect assembly or disassembly**

Special steps are required for assembly and disassembly work on the product. Personal injuries and damage to the product are possible.

- a) Assembly and disassembly work may only be carried out by the installation engineer or appropriately skilled specialist companies and persons.
- b) The product is not permitted to be re-used following disassembly. All components must be disposed correctly.

Depending on the type of gas, different requirements apply to the installation space of gas supply systems. It is essential to observe the legal regulations and trade association regulations, and the information in the safety data sheets.

Familiarise yourself with the necessary work steps (see "Installation work [▶ 16]") and prepare the necessary tools.

#### **See also**

📖 Functional description [▶ 14]

### 5.2 Installation work

#### 5.2.1 Installation

The pressure control panel can be mounted into a gas cylinder cabinet or on the room wall using C-mounting rails.

The scope of delivery includes sliding blocks as well as nuts (M8) and washers.

We recommend C-mounting rails with the following specifications:

Width: 26 mm

Height: 18 mm

Material thickness: 1.25 mm

Opening width: 14.3 mm

Material: Steel

#### 5.2.2 Connecting the incoming and outgoing lines

All lines must be connected in accordance with the applicable standards and specifications and tested with purge gas (pressure test and leak test). The specifications on dimensioning of the connections are described in the "Design [▶ 13]" chapter.

1. Connect the exhaust gas outputs of the Pressure control panel to the exhaust gas lines.
2. Connect the process gas output of the Pressure control panel to the process.



## 5.3 Checking the system

Before beginning the test, ensure that the controller (if present) is ready for operation and is in manual mode.

### 5.3.1 Pressure test with purge gas

For pressure testing the Pressure control panel BE55-2U-VCR, inert gas (non-reactive) gas is used (connect to HPI). Ensure that the required pressure is present and there is a valve present for shutting off the purge gas (PGI).

If no process gas shut-off valve PLI is present in the outlet of the pressure control panel, the complete line network is tested to the consumer and then purged. This must be carried out via an exhaust gas valve on the consumer. To do this, refer to the system documentation for the consumer.

1. Close all valves and fully depressurise the pressure regulator by turning the handwheel anti-clockwise as far as it will go.
2. Open valves PGI and HPI to build up pressure in the system.
3. Slowly open the pressure regulator and build up pressure.
4. Wait until the pressure has been built up and close the PGI valve.
5. Check whether the displays on PG P1 and PG P2 are identical. If both pressure gauges show the same pressure, release the pressure on the pressure regulator. If the values do not match, check the pressure regulator setting and readjust if necessary.
6. Leave the pressure for 10 minutes.
7. After 10 minutes have elapsed, check that the values on PG P1 and PG P2 still match and whether the pressure has remained constant.
8. If there is no change, release the pressure control panel via valve HPV and close all valves.

If the pressure has reduced, perform a leak test to check where the gas is escaping, repair the connection and repeat the pressure test. The line network can then be purged clear up to the consumer.

### 5.3.2 Helium leak test

A pressure test must be performed before the helium leak test. The description below assumes that the pressure control panel is in safe condition after the pressure test (chapter 5.3.1).

1. Connect the helium leak tester to the consumer after the exhaust gas valve.
2. Open valves HPI and PLI. Open the pressure regulator fully.
3. Set the system under vacuum until the maximum possible value is reached (up to 5 mbar).
4. Spray joints and components with helium starting from above.

The leakage rate should be at least  $1 \times 10^{-9}$  mbar l/s He.

If the test is passed:

1. Switch off the vacuum.
2. Close the waste gas valve on the process.
3. Open valve PGI.
4. Close valve PGI.
5. Disassemble the leak test device and connect the exhaust gas line to valve HPV.
6. Relieve the pressure regulator.
7. Close all valves.

The system should now be filled with inert gas (approx. 1 bar overpressure) up to the consumer.

## 6 Commissioning

### 6.1 Preparations for commissioning

The commissioning of the pressure control panel may only be carried out after the integration into the inventory has been completed. Commissioning is not permitted until the incomplete machine has been installed into a complete machine and this corresponds to the provisions of the EU Machinery Directive and the EC Declaration of Conformity according to appendix II A.

Before putting the equipment into operation for the first time, the entire pressure control panel must be purged via the PLI valve right up to the process. It is imperative to adhere to the direction of the gas flow when doing this. You must not purge counter to the usual direction of flow (from the tapping point to the pressure control panel), since this can flush debris resulting from the installation work, for example, back into the pressure regulator (PR).

The connecting threads and connecting surfaces of the gas source valves as well as the sealing rings must be checked to ensure that they are in perfect condition.

Always turn shut-off valves as far as the stop when opening or closing them.

Make sure that:

- the fittings are marked for the corresponding gas type,
- all protective caps have been removed,
- the assembly has been correctly carried out and a leak test has been performed,
- all valves are closed (the red marking is visible in the handwheel window)
- the pressure regulator has been depressurised (if possible),
- the purge gas supply (only standard for SP4 and SP6) is in operation,
- the on-site exhaust gas system is functional at all times and is in operation,
- all shut-off armatures are checked for loose connections and
- the controller is in operation.



#### NOTICE

For the actions described in the following chapters, the controller must be connected and ready for operation and in a manual mode.

### 6.2 Procedure for commissioning

#### 6.2.1 Connecting the process gas source

1. Place the process gas source in front of the bracket and secure with the safety chain.
2. Remove and retain the protective cap and sealing nut on the process gas source.
3. Remove the plug from the gas connection.
4. Check connection thread and sealing. A new sealing must be used for each gas source exchange.
5. Screw the gas connection onto the gas source valve by hand and tighten it gas-tight with a spanner.
6. Carry out flushing and tightness test as pressure or leak test. The HPI remains closed in this process (see "Exchanging the process gas source [► 22]").

## 6.2.2 Flushing in the process gas to the process

Flushing in the entire line network to the process must be implemented via a waste gas valve on the process. To do this, refer to the system documentation for the process. This procedure does not apply to gases that require passivation.

1. Close all valves and fully depressurise the pressure regulator by turning the handwheel anti-clockwise as far as it will go.
2. Open the process gas source valve and then the HPI and PLI valves to fill the entire area in which the process gas is to penetrate up to the process and fill it (pressure build-up).
3. First slowly set the pressure regulator step by step to a low outlet pressure.  
The process source pressure and the gas type properties are to be taken into account here.
4. Open the shut-off valve on the process. Ensure that the process gas can be discharged safely via the process.

The pressure control panel is now in a condition ready for operation.

If operation is not to be continued following the flushing process, the pressure regulator must be fully depressurised. This is carried out by turning the handwheel anti-clockwise as far as it will go.

When system operation is then started, set the pressure regulator step by step to the required outlet pressure.

## 6.2.3 Injection of gases requiring passivation



### **! DANGER**

#### **Fluorine mixtures**

Fluorine mixtures are extremely toxic and corrosive gases. Heavy reactions may occur if fluorine mixtures are applied to non-passivated surfaces or in combination with (air) humidity.

- a) If the fittings are used for gas mixtures with a fluorine content of up to 10%, the purging and passivation regulations must be strictly observed.
- b) Do not use for gas mixtures with a fluorine content > 10%.
- c) Use of gas mixtures with a fluorine content > 10% only after consultation!



### **! DANGER**

#### **Passivation**

During passivation, local heating occurs as a result of the chemical reaction taking place.

- a) Before passivation, the entire gas-wetted surface must be flushed with purge gas!
- b) The temperature of the armatures must be monitored throughout the process. It may not exceed 50°C.

The passivation must be carried out in stages. In the first stage, the fluorine content may not exceed 1%. In the further stages, the concentration may be increased by a maximum of 1% in each stage. Overall, this passivation must consist of at least 3 stages.

If the entire system is filled after the first stage, the gas mixture must remain in the system at about 1 bar for at least 12 hours.

The entire system must then be purged and the next stage can be introduced.

When the concentration corresponds to the process gas and the last stage is completed, the outlet pressure can be slowly increased to the required process gas pressure.



## NOTICE

Passivation is also recommended for these gases, among others: HF, NF<sub>3</sub>, BF<sub>3</sub>, PF<sub>5</sub>, ClF<sub>3</sub> as well as BCl<sub>3</sub>, HCl and Cl<sub>2</sub>.

The gas supplier must be consulted before carrying out the procedure.

## 7 Operation

### 7.1 General information on operation

During regular operation, the system will be in supply mode.

The procedure for decommissioning and recommissioning for extended system standstills is described in the "Decommissioning and recommissioning [► 29]" chapter.

**Valve HPI is controlled via the operating firm's controller (optional for SP3, SP4 and BM/BE). This is not included in the delivery scope of Spectron and is therefore not covered in this user manual.**



#### NOTICE

For the actions described in the following chapters, the controller must be connected and ready for operation and in a manual mode.

### 7.2 Gas supply interruption

#### 7.2.1 Interruptions to operation for less than 48 hours

For short interruptions to operation (less than 48 hours), the valve on the process gas source and valve PLI or a valve on the consumer can be closed. No other shut-off and safety measures are required.

The valve PLI may only be opened after the interruption if the indicated outlet pressure is not greater than the specified maximum outlet pressure.

#### 7.2.2 Interruptions to operation for more than 48 hours

For longer interruptions to operation (over 48 hours), the following steps must be carried out:

#### 7.2.3 Putting the control panel into a safe condition

In the event of interruptions in operation for more than 5 days or pending maintenance or servicing, the Pressure control panel must be put into a safe condition. First carry out the steps "Interruptions to operation for more than 48 hours [► 21]".

The process gas source must be connected during flushing (see "Connecting the process gas source [► 18]"). Also observe the "Preparations for commissioning [► 18]" chapter.

To ensure high gas purity, pressure purging is to be performed as described below.

## 7.3 Exchanging the process gas source



### **! WARNING**

#### **Gas source exchange**

If a gas source exchange is performed incorrectly, gas leakage and poisoning of persons may occur.

- a) The gas source exchange are to be carried out by trained specialist personnel and never unattended.
- b) A pressure test must be conducted after each gas source exchange.
- c) For each gas source exchange, a new seal suitable for the used gas is to be used.
- d) Wear the personal protective equipment prescribed in the risk assessment.

With each exchange of the gas source, check the connection for leaks. We strongly recommend replacing the sealing every time the gas source is exchanged. Always turn the shut-off valves slowly and as far as the stop when opening or closing them!

#### **Changing the supply side**

1. The position of the lever indicates which side the gas is drawn from:  
 Switching lever up – gas is drawn from the gas source on the left-hand side: The outlet pressure of the pressure regulator on the left is set higher than that of the pressure regulator on the right.  
 Switching lever down – gas is drawn from the gas source on the right-hand side: The outlet pressure of the pressure regulator on the right is set higher than that of the pressure regulator on the left.  
 Middle position - If the handle is positioned horizontally, the two pressure regulators are set to the same outlet pressure.
2. The gas source pressure on the preselected side falls below the outlet pressure of the reserve side: the reserve side takes over the job of supplying process gas to the connected consumers without interruption.  
**With single-stage switching panels, the outlet pressure falls markedly when there is an automatic switch from the preselected operational side to the reserve side. When the switching lever is operated, the reserve side is raised to the normal outlet pressure level and thus becomes the operational side. Two-stage switching panels keep the pressure very largely constant.**
3. Move the switching lever to increase the outlet pressure again on the reserve side that has now become the operational side.
4. Change the gas source on the side that has now become the reserve side.

#### **Removing the empty process gas source:**

1. Close the process gas source valve.
2. Close valve HPI.
3. Open valve HPV to reduce the pressure.
4. Close valve HPV.
5. Disconnect the process gas source connection.
6. Mount the sealing nut on the gas source valve and protective cap on the process gas source.
7. Identify, secure and remove the empty process gas source.

#### **Connecting the new process gas source:**

1. Provide new process gas source, position in front of the bracket and secure using the safety chain.

2. Remove and retain the protective cap and screw plug.
3. Check the port thread and sealing; a new sealing must be used each time the gas source is exchanged.
4. Screw the process gas connection onto the gas source valve by hand and tighten it gastight with a spanner.
5. Open the process gas source valve, build up pressure, and close it again. Check using leak test spray whether the process gas port is leak-tight.
6. Open valve HPV to reduce the pressure.
7. Close valve HPV.
8. Open the process gas source valve to build up the pressure with purge gas (process gas).
9. Wait until the pressure has been built up and close the process gas source valve again.
10. Open valve HPV to build up the pressure and then close it again.  
Repeat steps 8 to 10 depending on the gas type at least 10 times.
11. Open the gas source valve to fill the gas connection with process gas.
12. Close the process gas source valve.
13. Open valve HPI. In the case of a two-sided Pressure control panel with manual switchover, keep the HPI valve closed, and do not open it until the supply side has to be changed again.
14. Slowly open the gas source valve.

The Pressure control panel is ready for supply.

## 8 Maintenance, cleaning and repairs

### 8.1 General information on maintenance



#### **⚠ WARNING**

##### **Noise emission**

When working on pressurised pneumatic supply, significant noise emission can occur. Acute and chronic loss of hearing may result.

- a) Never perform work on the pressurised pneumatic supply without hearing protection.
- b) Only replace the silencers when the supply is unpressurised.



#### **⚠ WARNING**

##### **Incorrect operation**

Incorrect operation of the system, e.g. due to instruction errors, can lead to personal injury or damage to the system.

- a) Access to the user manual by the operating and maintenance personnel must be absolutely ensured at all times.
- b) A copy of the system documentation including the user manual must therefore be kept either on the system or in a suitable and accessible location.



#### **⚠ WARNING**

##### **Working on the product**

If an accident occurs when working on the product, there is a considerable risk of injury.

- a) Never work on the product unattended or unannounced.
- b) Observe the site safety rules and permission procedure.



#### **⚠ WARNING**

##### **Maintenance**

Incorrect maintenance or maintenance work performed at the incorrect time can result in damage to the system or injury to persons.

- a) To avoid static charges, do not clean the product using dry cloths. Use damp cotton cloths.
- b) The maintenance intervals are to be specified by the system operator as part of its risk assessment.
- c) Observe the maintenance intervals and maintenance guidelines from the manufacturer and the applicable guidelines.
- d) Components may only be replaced by spare parts of the same design. The specifications of the component manufacturers must be complied with during installation.





## ⚠ CAUTION

### Injury or damage in the event of incorrect assembly or disassembly

Special steps are required for assembly and disassembly work on the product. Personal injuries and damage to the product are possible.

- a) Assembly and disassembly work may only be carried out by the installation engineer or appropriately skilled specialist companies and persons.
- b) The product is not permitted to be re-used following disassembly. All components must be disposed correctly.



## NOTICE

### Lighting

Incorrect switching actions or confusion can occur due to inadequate lighting.

- a) Ensure sufficient lighting in accordance with the statutory regulations.

Correctly performed and timely maintenance increases the service life, ensures availability and helps to avoid undesirable downtimes. Depending on the gas type, the components are subject to different maintenance intervals. Observe the stipulations from the applicable directives.

Servicing and maintenance measures are only permitted to be carried out by competent specialist companies and persons.

Maintenance work should be documented by the operator. The documentation should indicate who carried out which work and when (proof of maintenance).

It is only permitted to use original spare parts or equivalent spare parts as well as suitable tools:

The recommended maintenance and test intervals are to be observed! (Also observe the manufacturer's documents)

The causes of possible defects are to be investigated, e.g. damage, unusual noises, overheating, etc.

Before beginning maintenance work, the pressure control panel must be purged (see "Interruptions to operation for more than 48 hours [▶ 21]"). After completing the works, a re-commissioning process must be carried out (see "Commissioning [▶ 18]").

## 8.2 Flushing the process gas into the pressure control panel

1. Close all valves and fully depressurise the pressure regulator by turning the of the hand-wheel anticlockwise as far as it will go.
2. Open the process gas source valve and then the HPI valve, so to fill the entire area in which the process gas is to penetrate (pressure build-up).
3. Now open valve PLI.
4. Slowly set the pressure regulator to the required outlet pressure.

In this process, the process source pressure and the gas type properties are to be taken into account.

The pressure control panel is now in a condition ready for operation.

If operation is not to be continued following the flushing process, proceed in accordance with "Gas supply interruption [▶ 21]".

## 8.3 Regular maintenance work and cleaning

For components in which the tests reveal wear or even malfunctions, repairs or component replacement must be carried out by competent specialist companies and persons.

Components	Test	Interval
Filter	Replace filter	Replacement with insufficient flow rate
All	Visual inspection for corrosion, damage and correct fastening Functional test Leakage test	At least annually and before each commissioning process
Earthing	Visual inspection for damage and correct fastening	At least annually

The product should be cleaned on a regular basis. Heavy soiling can lead to malfunctions.

Only clean the product as necessary using a damp, lint-free and clean cloth, without cleaning agent.

## 9 Repair

### 9.1 General information on repair work



#### **⚠ WARNING**

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#### **⚠ CAUTION**

##### **Injury or damage in the event of incorrect assembly or disassembly**

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- a) Assembly and disassembly work may only be carried out by the installation engineer or appropriately skilled specialist companies and persons.
- b) The product is not permitted to be re-used following disassembly. All components must be disposed correctly.



#### **NOTICE**

##### **Lighting**

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- a) Ensure sufficient lighting in accordance with the statutory regulations.

The objectives of the repair are:

Detect and assess causes of malfunction

Rectify faults and restore operational readiness

Repairs to the product may only be performed by the manufacturer or specialist personnel instructed on the system.

Work on electrical system parts may only be performed by a qualified electrician.

Before beginning work, the pressure control panel must be purged (see "Flushing through to the process"). After completing the works, a re-commissioning process must be carried out (see "Commissioning [► 18]").

## 9.2 Troubleshooting and fault rectification

<b>Fault</b>	<b>Possible cause</b>	<b>Remedy</b>
Outlet pressure too low	Process gas source empty	Check inlet pressure on the pressure regulator and change the process gas source if necessary
Vibration noises in the pressure regulator	Pressure regulator faulty	Replace pressure regulator
Pressure regulator frozen	Flow rate too high	Reduce flow rate or use gas preheater if possible
System pressure cannot be set to the desired value	Pressure regulator faulty	Replace pressure regulator
	System pressure outside the intended system pressure	Only operate the system at the intended range
Flow insufficient or fluctuating	Inlet pressure of the process gas too low	Increase inlet pressure
	Valve faulty	Replace faulty valve
	Filter loaded	Change filter
Relief valve, over-pressure valve, safety valve or burst disc are discharging gas	Impermissible pressure rise in the outlet pressure range	Close all valves and check pressure control panel
HPI valve cannot be opened or closed	Pneumatic pressure too low	Check pneumatic pressure
	Compressed air hose ripped	Replace compressed air hose out
Leak	Connection leaking	Flush pressure control panel clear and perform pressure test and leak test

# 10 Decommissioning and recommissioning

## 10.1 Decommissioning

The gas supply via the Pressure control panel can be interrupted without additional risks. No special maintenance or preservation work is required during this time.

If the Pressure control panel remains unused or disassembled for an extended period, a decommissioning process must be carried out. In principle, decommissioning must be carried out in the following order:

1. Interrupt gas supply (see "Gas supply interruption [► 21]").
2. Disconnect the process gas source from the Pressure control panel .
3. Seal all open screw connections tightly (e.g. plug on process gas port).
4. Flushing through to the process (see "Flushing through to the process").
5. Close all valves.
6. Switch off controller.

## 10.2 Recommissioning

Recommissioning of the Pressure control panel must be carried out in accordance with the stipulations in the "Commissioning [► 18]" chapter.

# 11 Dismantling and disposal

## 11.1 General information on dismantling



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### **⚠ CAUTION**

#### **Injury or damage in the event of incorrect assembly or disassembly**

Special steps are required for assembly and disassembly work on the product. Personal injuries and damage to the product are possible.

- a) Assembly and disassembly work may only be carried out by the installation engineer or appropriately skilled specialist companies and persons.
- b) The product is not permitted to be re-used following disassembly. All components must be disposed correctly.



### **NOTICE**

#### **Lighting**

Incorrect switching actions or confusion can occur due to inadequate lighting.

- a) Ensure sufficient lighting in accordance with the statutory regulations.

Before dismantling and disposal of the product, it must be taken out of operation and purged. The product must then be disconnected from the auxiliary media supply.

The dismantling process is to be carried out in the following order:

1. Purging of the product and decommissioning.
2. Disconnect the product from the gas supply system.
3. Disconnect the product from the process.
4. Remove the product – to do so, please refer to the "Installation [► 16]" chapter.
5. Seal all ports on the product.
6. Pack the product.

## 11.2 Returns

If products are returned to Spectron for checking, maintenance or repair, it is essential to purge them with inert gas. A check can only be undertaken by Spectron if the repair pre-registration including the decontamination declaration has been duly completed.

## 11.3 Disposal

Dismantling and disposal must be carried out in accordance with the official and legal requirements at the site of the system. The operator must produce a risk assessment and work instructions before dismantling. A piece of equipment may only be disposed of when the decontamination declaration has been provided, completed in full.



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