Non-Return (Check) Valves

For HVAC systems, sanitary applications and industrial technology
Non-Return (Check) Valves in Steam and Condensate Systems

- **Vacuum breaker** prevents vacuum formation and damage to the vessel.
- **Foot valve** stops the suction line from running dry when the fuel pump is switched off.
- **Preventing backflow** protects against back-flow in the event of malfunction / failure of components.
- **Ensuring unidirectional flow** prevents reverse running when pumps arranged in parallel are switched over.
- **Non-return valve action for condensate line** prevents banking-up of condensate when the heat exchanger is off, and water hammer within the heating surfaces when the plant is started up again.

**Other applications not shown in the schematic:**
- Vent valve, relief valve
- Overflow valve

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**Legend:**
- Vacuum breaker
- Foot valve
- Preventing backflow
- Ensuring unidirectional flow
- Non-return valve to ensure forced flow
Non-Return (Check) Valves

in HVAC Technology

Ensuring unidirectional flow prevents reverse running when pumps arranged in parallel are switched over

Foot valve stops the suction line from running dry when the pump is switched off

Gravity circulation check prevents circulation caused by gravity

Preventing backflow protects the pump against backflow after it is switched off

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GESTRA Gravity Circulation Checks SBO

These check valves are used for preventing gravity circulation in heating and hot-water systems.

With its three SBO types, GESTRA offers the right gravity circulation check for every pump connection. All SBO types are fitted with a manual opening device. The SBO 11 and SBO 21 valves can replace the isolating valve in the supply line. These valves remain in the line should the pump have to be removed or exchanged. The benefit: the plant need no longer be completely emptied.

**Functional principle**

Gravity circulation checks function like non-return valves. If a pressure difference is generated, i.e. if the pressure before the closing element is stronger than the pressure downstream of the element, then the gravity circulation check opens. Depending on how strong the volume flow of the water is, the valve opens either partly or completely. As soon as the opening force decreases and the closing force is greater, the gravity circulation check closes again.

**Gravity circulation check SBO 11**
- DN 1", 1 1/4", PN 6
- Valve inlet with collar for fitting a union nut
- Valve outlet with female thread

**Gravity circulation check SBO 21**
- DN 1", 1 1/4", PN 6
- Valve inlet with collar for fitting a union nut
- Valve outlet with male thread

**Gravity circulation check SBO 31**
- DN 3/4", 1", 1 1/4", PN 6
- Valve inlet with female thread for direct connection to circulating pump
- Valve outlet with male thread

Pump running, normal operation

Pump stationary, SBO preventing gravity circulation

Forced opening of the valve with manual device
Connections

GESTRA gravity circulation checks are available with connections meeting all installation requirements. Available designs with either male or female thread for PN 6, 1–2” BSP.

Spring opening pressure

The spring forces are adapted to the special use of the valve as gravity circulation checks and positively prevent gravity circulation.

Shut-off

The use of plastic valve cones ensures quiet operation. The SBO 11 and SBO 21 valves in addition are supplied with a seat gasket of EPDM.

Tightness

The choice of materials and the careful manufacture ensure tight closure of the valve cone.

Guiding

The guide resists wear and is corrosion-resistant. Jamming and canting of the valve cone are excluded.

Manual opening device

All GESTRA gravity circulation checks are fitted with a manual opening device providing gravity circulation in the event of pump failure.
Today GESTRA can look back with pride on one hundred years of experience in valve manufacture. The company offers a broad range of DISCO® non-return valves tailored to fulfil the most diverse of applications and customer requirements.

All valves are made of diverse materials to meet particular demands, and the individual valve components are optimally coordinated with each other. Through this ideal mixture of different components in the range of standard valves, the best valve can be delivered for almost every application. Here it does not matter whether a thermally critical application must be safeguarded, or whether a non-return valve must be designed for operation in oxygen, for example. It is even possible to manufacture the DISCO® valve, which has proven its worth a million times over, in a special material to answer specific needs. All GESTRA non-return valves are of the wafer type and have extremely short overall lengths. Thanks to their excellent design and hydrodynamic features, these valves offer clear advantages over conventional types:

- Compact design
- Low weight
- Mounting in any position
- Low installation costs
- Wide choice of materials
- Space-saving stockkeeping
- Safe operation of industrial plants
- Low pressure drop

The name GESTRA is a guarantee of high manufacturing quality for the GESTRA DISCO® non-return valves.
Non-Return (Check) Valves

Functional principle

The spring-assisted DISCO® non-return valve opens when the opening force exceeds the closing force. The opening force depends on the pressure or the volume flow, and the closing force on the tension of the closing spring, on the closing weight, on the installation position and the size of the non-return valve.

Installation

GESTRA DISCO® non-return valves can be installed in any position, with the sole exception of the valves supplied without a spring. These valves can only be installed in vertical lines with upward flow.
GESTRA DISCO® Non-Return Valves

Short overall length, low weight

Valves with short face-to-face dimensions reduce the weight and size of a plant. As the figure below demonstrates, the overall length of a GESTRA non-return valve is only 1/8 that of a conventional non-return valve. The overall lengths comply with DIN EN 558-1 and 558-2, series 49 and 52 (K4/K5).

The wafer design drastically reduces the weight in comparison with conventional valves. A GESTRA non-return valve of stainless steel in DN 200 weighs 23 kg, whilst the weight of the corresponding conventional type is 120 kg!

Connections of your choice

For flanges to DIN EN 1092-1, form B1/B2/D/F, to ASME RF/RJ, or to works standards

Materials

DIN/EN and ASTM:
- Hot-pressed brass
- Special brass
- Cast bronze
- Grey cast iron
- High-temperature ferritic cast steel
- Stainless steel / cast steel
- Austenitic steel / cast steel
- High-temperature austenitic cast steel
- Hastelloy C

Special materials available on request.

Tight shut-off

GESTRA non-return valves are tested according to DIN EN 12266-1, with water or air as the medium. This corresponds to the outdated DIN 3230, part 3, test specifications “BN” (tightness test with water) and “BO” (tightness test with air).

For valves with a soft seat, values corresponding to leakage rate A are achieved (BN1/BO1).

Nominal width DN (mm) | Overall length L in mm Series 49 | Overall length L in mm Series 52
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15 | 16 | 25
20 | 19 | 31.5
25 | 22 | 35.5
32 | 28 | 40
40 | 31.5 | 45
50 | 40 | 56
65 | 46 | 63
80 | 50 | 71
100 | 60 | 80
125 | 90 | 110
150 | 106 | 125
200 | 140 | 160
Valves with soft seat

Non-return valves provided with a metallic disc are also available on request with a soft seat made of:

- EPDM (ethylene-propylene rubber) suitable for water and steam, −40 to +150°C.
- FPM (fluoro-rubber) for mineral oil and gases, −25 to +200°C.
- PTFE (Teflon) for corrosive media, −190 to +250°C.

CE

The products comply with the requirements of the EU Pressure Equipment Directive 97/23/EC. Classified for use with fluids of group 1 and/or 2 (dangerous and non-dangerous substances). Some nominal sizes fall under the exception rule (Article 3.3) and therefore may not bear any CE marking.

For further information, please see our Price List.
GESTRA DISCO® Non-Return Valves RK

Valve types

For the sector of heating, venting and air-conditioning, various non-return valves are available for a wide range of requirements. The RK 70 is a low-noise non-return valve, so you see what your heating system gives you but do not hear it. Quality at low cost is offered by the RK 71, whilst the RK 41 is our universal and flexible valve satisfying diverse requirements in HVAC technology. Or do you need a valve for a drinking water system, in which no brass may be used? Or one suitable for low temperatures? Then you should take the RK 44. The RK 44S is recommended for seawater, drinking water and swimming-pool water. And if the call is for a valve which must be screwed into the pipe – a solution is provided even for this case with the MB 14.

RK 70
with spiral centering
PN 6, body material hot-pressed brass, valve disc of PPO

RK 71
with spiral centering
PN 6 to PN 16, body material hot-pressed brass, valve disc of austenitic steel

RK 41
with spiral centering
PN 6 to PN 16, body material special brass, valve disc of austenitic steel

RK 44
with spiral centering
PN 6 to PN 16, body material bronze, valve disc of austenitic steel

RK 44S
with spiral centering
PN 6 to PN 16. Body material: bronze. Valve disc: bronze

MB 14
Screwed 1/2-2” BSP, body material hot-pressed brass, valve disc of austenitic steel
Non-Return (Check) Valves

Spring cap
The special shape always guarantees a centralized positioning of the spring. Material: austenitic steel

Guiding
Four guide ribs are used to ensure low-wear operation. From DN 125 (5\"), the valve cone is guided by a spindle/sleeve arrangement

Centering
Serves as installation aid for centred mounting

Valve disc
Austenitic steel, metal-to-metal seat. RK 41 and RK 44 can alternatively be provided with a soft seat

Springs
Using different springs for the RK 41 and RK 44 permits variation of the opening pressure to meet the operating requirements

Tightness
The degree of tightness lies well within the tolerances permitted in DIN EN 12266-1

Body
Water-type valve for DIN/EN, BS or ASME flanges
For industrial plants, GESTRA offers a broad spectrum of non-return valves which are designed for diverse pressure ratings and media.

For pressures from PN 6 to PN 40, the RK 86/86A can be used, for example, and for the pressure range PN 10–40 the RK 16C of Hastelloy. The RK 49 covers pressure ratings up to PN 160 and the RK 29A the pressure ratings PN 63–400.

Depending on the medium flowing through the piping of your installation, a valve is then selected from the most suitable material. For neutral liquids or gases, valve ranges are available in materials such as brass, bronze, steel and chromium steel. In the case of corrosive vapours and gases, acids and alkalis, the versions of austenitic steel and Hastelloy are used. For special requirements, e.g., in the foodstuff industry, at low temperatures or for applications with drinking water, valve ranges of cast bronze, austenitic steel and Hastelloy C are available.

**Special features:**
- Springs for low opening pressures
- Springs for reduced closing times
- Springs for applications at high temperatures
- Soft seats
- Antistatic connection
- Pickled, free of oil and grease / silicone
- Special connections
- Blind drilling

**RK 86 und 86 A**
- With universal centering.
- As standard unit, it fits between flanges for PN 6–40, Class 150 / 300 and also between 8510 flanges.
- Body material: stainless (RK 86) or austenitic steel (RK 86A). Valve disc: austenitic steel

**RK 76**
- The standard valve completely of stainless steel at the price level of carbon steel

**RK 16A**
- With self-centering body, PN 10 to 40, DN 15 to 100 (1/2 to 4”). Facings suitable for counters flanges to ASME 150 RF, ASME 300 RF, tongue flanges to DIN 2512 or male flanges to DIN 2513. Material: austenitic steel

**RK 29A**
- With self-centering body, PN 63 to 160 (PN 400 on request), Class 400 to 1500 (Class 2500 on request). Material: austenitic steel

**RK 49**
- With spiral centering, for high temperatures, PN 63 / 100 / 160, DN 15 to 200 (1/2 to 4”). Material: high-temperature austenitic cast steel / high-temperature cast steel
Non-Return (Check) Valves

Spring cap
The special shape always guarantees a centralized positioning of the spring. Material: austenitic steel

Guiding
Four guide ribs are used to ensure low-wear operation. From DN 125 (5’’), the valve cone is guided by a spindle/sleeve arrangement

Centering
With special centering ring or, for the RK 86 and RK 86A, centering through the body

Valve disc
Austenitic steel, metal-to-metal or soft seat

Springs
Different springs permit variation of the opening pressure to meet the operating requirements. Material: austenitic steel, Nimonic or Inconell

Tightness
Thanks to special machining, the degree of tightness lies well within the tolerances permitted in DIN EN 12266-1

Antistatic connection
Standard for RK 86 and RK 86A

Body
Diverse materials and two overall lengths, complies with DIN EN 558-1, series 49 and DIN EN 558-2, series 52
GESTRA DISCO® Non-Return Valves RK 86 and 86 A

All international standards
Whether for DIN/EN, ASME or BS flange, this new DISCO non-return valve is prepared for all international standards.

Low wear
Since the new RK 86/86A lies on not just one but two guide ribs, the rate of wear is halved—making for long service life. What is more, jamming and canting of the valve disc is then hardly possible. The risk of failure in your plant is thus reduced to a minimum.

Unique centering
The centering mechanism of the RK 86/86A functions directly through the body itself. It has four integrated guide ribs arranged so that independently of the flange standard, the valve disc of the RK 86/86A always lies against two of the guide ribs. The non-return valves of other manufacturers are fitted with only three guide ribs at best, which means that the valve disc, depending on installation, usually only has contact with one of them.

Non-return valves of OTHER manufacturers
DIN/EN PN 16
ASME Class 150
BS 10 J
The new wide contact surfaces

They ensure optimum, uniform pressure at the flange sealing surfaces (at both inlet and outlet), so that you can rely on trouble-free plant operation.

Standard antistatic connection

Antistatic connections are demanded, especially in the chemical industry, for certain parts of the plant to prevent any accumulation of static charge. The RK 86/86A range for DN 15–100 (1/2–4”) with the standard threaded hole meets this requirement. For the DN 125–200 (5–8”), this threaded connection is provided on request.

The benefits in detail

1. Low wear through assured contact on two ribs
2. Cost savings through the long extension of service life
3. Better guidance of the valve disc through the four guide ribs integrated into the body
4. Optimum tightness through the new wide contact surfaces
5. More reliability through standard threaded antistatic connection
6. Easy installation through the simple body centering
7. Lower inventory costs through the more versatile range of applications
8. For all standards meets DIN/EN, ASME and BS standards
GESTRA DISCOCHECK® Dual-Plate Check Valves BB

Designed for lightness and low resistance

These GESTRA check valves are of the wafer type with short overall lengths. The reduced weight offers significant advantages for transport, stockkeeping and installation. All three basic types BB, CB and WB are characterized by excellent hydrodynamic properties.

Dual-plate check valves BB

DIN range
DN 50–1200 (2–48”), PN 6–160
- Wafer-type valves
- Diameter to suit DIN flanges
- Short overall length to DIN EN 558-1 and 558-2, series 16 (K3) for nominal pressures up to and including PN 63, higher pressures in accordance with API
- Metal-to-metal or soft seat (O-rings)
- DIN materials

ASME range
2–48”, Class 150–900
The dual-plate check valves of the ASME range are supplied with:
- Diameter to suit ASME flanges
- Face-to-face dimensions to DIN / ISO, from Class 600 in accordance with API
- ASTM materials

Functional principle

Valve closed
The valve plates – with metal-to-metal or O-ring sealing – make even contact with the seat.

Starting to open
The opening process begins with the hinge sides of the plates first lifting off the centre pin, thereby reducing wear of the seating surfaces by the kinematic effect.

Valve fully open
The rotary movement of the plates is limited by stop lugs to 80°. Additional hinge stop lugs ensure a stable position of the plates when fully open.

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**BB valves with anti-corrosion lining**

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|        | 11 G / 21 G      | PN 6| DPT |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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**Optional items**

- Anti-corrosion linings
- Special springs for very low opening pressures
- Springs for reduced closing times
- Dampers for solving waterhammer problems
- Hard-faced seat
- Purging plug
- Gaskets of EPDM, FPM, NBR and PTFE

All products available as DIN/EN or ASME range. Nominal sizes 900, 1000 and 1200 on request.
**GESTRA DISCOCHECK Dual-Plate Check Valves BB**

Valves with adjustable dampers from DN 200 (8”)

In complex pipeline systems, major flow decelerations may be caused when pumps are switched off or as a result of failures, leading to waterhammer and possibly disastrous consequences for the plant. Our engineers will be happy to assist you with the correct design of the dual-plate check valves for your installation.

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<th>Plant condition</th>
<th>Solution</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Minor waterhammer 0 &lt; Δp ≤ 1 bar</td>
<td>Dual-plate check valve BB, standard design</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Clearly audible and perceptible waterhammer 0 &lt; Δp ≤ 3 bar</td>
<td>Dual-plate checkvalve BB,change of characteristic by fitting special springs. Water hammer reduced by up to 40%</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Heavy water hammer, pipework vibrating Δp &gt; 3 bar</td>
<td>Dual-plate check valve BB, special design with dampers. Water hammer reduced to zero</td>
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*Diagram showing adjustable throttling orifice and damping fluid.*
Standard materials

For applications involving liquids, gases, vapours and corrosive media, and at low temperatures, there are various materials available. As an option, DISCOCHECK® dual-plate check valves can be supplied with various soft seats.

Anti-corrosion linings

Lined cast-iron and cast-steel valves have been applied successfully for many years now in sewage works, supply and treatment plants, and for shipbuilding and offshore installations.

VESTOSINT® linings are used e.g. for drinking water and seawater, rubber linings for e.g. seawater and waste water.
These high-quality dual-plate check valves keep your running costs very low – by cutting the costs for pumping power and maintenance, and providing safe, low-wear operation with a long service life.

The low zeta value means that the required pump output is reduced, so that you save energy and can use a pump with lower power consumption. Stress and wear are reduced because the plate halves lift off from the centre pin before the main opening action, the plates are separately suspended (two pivots), and two springs are provided per plate half. Stop lugs at the plate halves, with additional lugs on the body, limit the opening angle to 80° and ensure a stable open position. As a result, a long and maintenance-free product lifetime is achieved.

**Installation**

**Installation position**
Dual-plate check valves BB fitted with the corresponding springs can be installed in any position. In almost all installation positions, a suitable choice of springs can achieve correct adaptation to the operating conditions. Installation into vertical pipelines with downward flow is only possible with stronger springs.

**Centering**
By the body.

**Opening pressure**
The opening pressure with standard springs and horizontal flow is 7 mbar for all sizes and pressure ratings. As options, springs with an opening pressure of 2 mbar or 20 mbar can be provided if required for particular operating conditions.

**Measures to be taken with turbulent flow**
The turbulent flow on the pump outlet side can lead to an unstable position of the valve plates and varying opening angles. For any non-return valve, this will lead to increased wear. A stabilizing section of 5 times the nominal size should be provided at the pump outlet to protect the valve from turbulence.
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Stop lugs in the body ensure a stable opening angle

Stop lugs at the plates limit the opening angles of the plate halves

Closing springs Each plate is fitted with two springs

Plates Separately suspended and with independent action

Interior mounting No drill-holes to the outside

Eye bolt Serves as an installation aid

Body Water-type valve for DIN/EN and ASME flanges

Flow arrow (Marking as per EN 19)
GESTRA NAF Check Valves

- Wafer-type valves for installation between flanges
- Short overall length to DIN EN 558-1, series 16
- For flanges to DIN/EN, ASME and BS
- Metal-to-metal seating
- 3 material variants (steel, stainless steel, high-temperature steel)

**Installation position**

NAF check valves are installed either in a horizontal line (with lifting eye on top) or in a vertical line with the flow upwards.

This check valve is characterized by excellent hydrodynamic properties, great tightness and low resistance coefficients (zeta values). Thanks to the eccentric flap hinge, low opening pressures are attained and operation is also possible without a closing spring. Stop lugs in the body ensure a defined opening angle and a stable position when fully open.

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<th>PN</th>
<th>Spring</th>
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<tr>
<td>NAF-Check 526 620</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>without</td>
<td>40–250 (1½–10&quot;)</td>
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<td>NAF-Check 526 832</td>
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For the pressure/temperature ratings and the precise material specifications, please see the relevant price list. Furthermore, we will gladly send you the product data sheets for the various types on request.
Non-Return (Check) Valves

- Stem: Welded to the body; leaks are thereby excluded
- Stop lug: at the body provides effective limiting of the flap opening angle
- Closing spring: The flap is fitted with a spring — optionally without spring
- Flap: Great tightness with metal-to-metal seating
- Lifting eye: Serves as installation aid
- Body: Wafer-type valve for DIN/EN and ASME flanges

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Swing check valves CB
- DN 50–300 (2–12”), PN 6–40
- DIN/EN materials

Body
- Wafer-type valve with short overall length
- Valve centred by body
- Eye bolt for ease of installation

Shut-off
- Circular flap
- Metal-to-metal or soft seat with recessed O-ring

Closing springs
- Flap with two bow springs

Opening angle
- Limited to 60° by stop lugs at the flap hinge

Special variant CB 14
- DN 50–300 (2–12”), PN 6–16

Body
- Wafer-type valve with short overall length
- Valve centred by body
- Eye bolt for ease of installation

Shut-off
- Circular flap
- Soft seat (NBR)
- Particularly suitable for dirty media

Without closing spring
- With integral synthetic rubber hinge

Opening angle
- Limited by the pipe wall

Swing check valves WB
- DN 50–300 (2–12”), PN 10/16
- DIN/EN materials

Body
- Wafer-type valve with short overall length
- Valve centred by outside of body
- Eye bolt for ease of installation

Shut-off
- Circular flap
- Flange sealing surface: soft seat with recessed O-ring

Without closing spring
- With metal hinge

Opening angle
- Limited to 70° by a stop lug in the body

All CB types can be sandwiched between pipe flanges to DIN/EN, BS and ASME. The WB types are available with body diameters to suit DIN flanges for PN 10/16.
### Installation

**Installation position**
The CB and WB valves are mounted in horizontal pipelines (with flap hinge or eye bolt on top) or in vertical pipelines with upward flow.

**Installation downstream of pumps**
Turbulent flow on the pump outlet side causes an unstable position of the flap, varying opening angles and hence increased wear.

### Proposal A
A stabilizing section on the pump outlet side protects the swing check valve installed downstream of the pump from turbulence.

### Proposal B
If the valve is fitted directly to the pump without a stabilizing section, the position of the flap’s centre of rotation is of the utmost importance to enable trouble-free operation.

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<th>Nominal pressure</th>
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<tr>
<td>CB 24 S</td>
<td>PN 6/10/16</td>
<td>Body cast bronze / internals bronze: −200 to +90°C or without springs −200 to +250°C. Without springs and with soft seat of NBR: −30 to +110°C</td>
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<tr>
<td>CB 26</td>
<td>PN 6/10/16/25/40</td>
<td>Steel / austenitic steel; from DN 100 (4&quot;) steel/SG iron: −10 to +300°C</td>
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<td>CB 26 A</td>
<td>PN 6/10/16/25/40</td>
<td>Body and flap of austenitic steel: −10 to +450°C</td>
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<td>CB 14</td>
<td>PN 6/10/16</td>
<td>Body of steel / flap of NBR: −10 to +110°C</td>
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Selection and Sizing of Check Valves

It is very important to choose the correct non-return valve for the application, and to adapt it optimally for the plant, in order to prevent clatter and premature wear.

A check valve provided with a spring or counterweight commences opening when a certain static pressure differential — pressure upstream minus pressure downstream of the valve — has been established. This produces an opening force (pressure differential x cross-sectional area of valve), acting against the closing force. When the opening force outbalances the closing force, the valve element is opened (opening pressure). The necessary opening pressure depends on the spring tension or the weight of the counterweight, the position of installation and the size of the check valve.

On start-up of a plant, first a static pressure will build up between the pressure generator and the check valve. Once the opening pressure has been reached and exceeds the closing force, the volume flow begins. As a consequence, the pressure upstream of the check valve drops, so that the closing force once again outbalances the opening force, causing the valve to close. This process will repeat itself until the volume flow is large enough so that, because of the additional dynamic pressure differential, the closing force is no longer great enough to close the valve.

Depending on the volume flow, the check valve opens either completely or only partly. During partial opening, i.e. at a reduced volume flow, clatter may occur. This is produced by the impact of the valve disc, cone or flap onto the seat. It is possible that, instead of clatter, a high-frequency humming tone is heard. An incessant noise is a sure sign of check valves sized too large; the valve was not chosen optimally to match the requirements of the plant. The possibility of using a valve with a smaller nominal size is no longer given if the pressure drop at full load would become too great.

Sometimes, the noise can only be heard during start-up or shut-down, or only at partial load. Then the valve is oversized only for these operating phases, and it might be possible to solve the problem by reducing the closing force, for example by using a weaker spring or a reduced counterweight. It may even be possible to use a valve without any spring at all — in vertical pipelines with upward flow.

Noise is most frequently noticed in hot-water heating installations. In this case, it is advisable to use check valves with a plastic disc/cone, e.g. the GESTRA DISCÒ non-return valve RK 70.

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**Diagram:**

- **Pressure drop chart:**
  - **Volume flow** vs. **Pressure drop**
  - **A** — still closed
  - **B** — slightly open — Check valve will clatter
  - **C** — more open — Clatter still probable
  - **A-B** — fully open — No clatter

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Non-Return (Check) Valves

A few application examples

Here are a few examples for application using the non-return valves from our product range. If you need further support for your particular requirements, we will be happy to assist.

RK 86 (up to DN 100): solvents; coolants, cooling water; steam condensates; neutral, alkaline and weak-acid saline solutions; ammonia and ammonium hydroxide; caustic soda up to 20%; boric acid, fatty acids, diesel oil, heating oils

RK 86A: Pure steam* (for SIP applications); drinking water; swimming-pool water; media of the foodstuff industry* (e.g. dairies); mineral oil industry; aggressive media such as formic acid (up to 50%), acetic acid, caustic soda (up to 50% and 50°C), phosphoric acid, nitric acid (up to 50%), sulphuric acid (> 95%)

RK 16A: as for RK 86A

RK 16C: Highly aggressive media such as hydrochloric acid up to 10% at room temperature, sulphuric acid in all concentrations up to 50°C, formic acid and nitric acid in all concentrations, bleaching lye, chloroacetic acid, chlorosulphonic acid, chlorine

RK 49: Applications at high pressures: steam, condensate, hydraulic oil

RK 70: Heating systems, air handling

RK 41 (up to DN 100): Heating installations and district heating plants, cooling water, mineral oils, gases

MB 14: Heating plants, drinking water, cooling water

* For these applications, please order as pickled version

GESTRA dual-plate check valves BB downstream of bilge pumps