

RUPTURE DISCS FOR RELIABLE PROCESS PRESSURE RELIEF



Rupture Disks for Reliable Process Pressure Relief

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AGENDA

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Applications
- 3. Sizing / Codes and Standards
- 4. Selection
- 5. Combination of RD with Relief Valves





WHAT IS A RUPTURE DISC?





- A non-reclosing vent
- The disc bursts and relieves potentially dangerous overpressure in a pressurised system
- A pressure differential switch the disc bursts and activates a system



WHAT IS A RUPTURE DISC?

- API 520:
 - Rupture disc devices are non-reclosing pressure relief devices
 - used to protect vessels, piping and other pressure containing components from excessive pressure and/or vacuum
 - Rupture discs are used in single and multiple relief device installations. They are also used as redundant pressure relief devices.
- EN ISO 4126:
 - Bursting disc device is a non-reclosing pressure relief device used to protect equipment such as pressure vessels, piping, gas cylinders or other enclosures from excessive pressure and/or excessive vacuum.





WHY USE A RUPTURE DISC?

- Process Plant Overpressure
 Protection
- Legal Requirements
 - ✓ Environment protection
 - ✓ Personnel protection
 - ✓ Insurance requirements
- Low Cost
 - ✓ Excellent corrosion resistance
 - ✓ No maintenance
- Negligible Leakage
- Rapid full-bore relief







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APPLICATIONS

Rupture Disc as a primary relief device



primary relief device

- Pburst: 10 barg
- to protect the vessel/system against excessive pressure

<u>API 520</u>

Primary relief up to 110% of design Secondary relief up to 121% on fire case

Rupture Disc as a secondary relief device



- PRV for primary relief, e.g. Pset= 10 barg
- RD as a secondary relief device set at a higher value
- fire case: a higher discharge capacity is required
- secondary back up in case of SRV/PRV malfunctioning due to slow or non-opening by sticking, freezing etc.



Max. overpressure 110% of PS



RD COMBINATION WITH PRV

Rupture discs are used upstream of PRV to:

- isolate the valve from the system
- reduce valve maintenance
- provide corrosion protection to avoid the cost of high alloy PRV
- prevent leakage and product loss
- Burst pressure = PRV set pressure





RD SELECTION → NO SIZING REQUIRED

- Size (The size of the disc)
- Pressure → Burst pressure
 - ✓ working (operating) pressure
 - ✓ design pressure / vessel strength
 - ✓ pressure and/or vacuum cycling
 - ✓ back pressure, if any

Temperature

- ✓ Coincident (burst) temperature
- Max. operating temperature

Application

- ✓ liquid
- ✓ gas / vapor
- ✓ polymerisation
- Combined with safety valve
- Special requirements
- ✓ sterile / aseptic
- ✓ Corrosion
- ...
- Required Material
- Flange class



RD SELECTION → SIZING REQUIRED

Temperature

Design and relieving temperature

Application

- \checkmark Liquid \rightarrow Density, viscosity
- \checkmark gas / vapor \rightarrow
- Mol. Weight
- Specific heat ratio (Cp/Cv)
- Compessibility factor

To calculate the suitable disc size

→ Required discharge capacity (lb/hr)

To calculate the discharge capacity → specified size If combined with a Safety Valve → valve inlet size

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Independent of all others: PLS INDICATE "Required quantity"





API 520: ACCUMULATION LIMITS FOR SIZING

Table 1—Set Pressure and Accumulation Limits for Pressure Relief Devices

	Single Device Installations		Multiple Device Installations			
Contingency	Maximum Set Pressure %	Maximum Accumulated Pressure %	Maximum Set Pressure %	Maximum Accumulated Pressure %		
Non-fire Case						
First relief device	100	110	100	116		
Additional device(s)	_	_	105	116		
Fire Case						
First relief device	100	121	100	121		
Additional device(s)	—	_	105	121		
Supplemental device	_		110	121		
NOTE All values are percentages of the maximum allowable working pressure.						



SIZING METHOD COEFFICIENT OF DISCHARGE

For calculations acc. to ASME Sec. VIII, Div. 1

and API 520 coefficent of Discharge $K_d = 0.62$

Variations for calculations acc. to EN ISO 4126-2 and AD2000-A1 Merkblatt





SIZING USING COEFFICIENT OF DISCHARGE

Sizing acc. to ASME Sec. VIII Div.1 / API 520 Part 1

example:

•	medium:	Flare gas
•	capacity:	240,000 kg/h
•	mol. weight:	31.9 kg/kmol
•	isentropic exponent (Cp/Cv):	1.29
•	compressibility:	0.96
•	bursting pressure	1 bar g @ 80° C

required size? demo-calc.xls



SIZING: FLOW RESISTANCE METHOD

API 520 Part 1, Section 5.11.1.3

The calculated size of a pressure relief system containing a RD may also be determined by analyzing the total system resistance to flow.

The calculation shall be made by using accepted engineering practices for determining fluid flow through piping systems. The calculated relieving capacity shall be *derated* by 0.90.

The RD is considered as a just another piping component of the relief system. Flow resistance is defined as (Kr) value. ASME certified values should be used *where available*.



SIZING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMBINATION

The combination capacity method

- Size the PRV for stand alone, using normal sizing procedures
- then de-rate the capacity of the valve is by the default combination capacity factor of 0.90 (as per API/ASME and EN ISO 4126-3)

Essential requirement: The rupture disc size must be equal to or greater than the nominal pipe size of the PRV inlet.

- higher Capacity Factors than 0.90 can be used, if the combination is certified,e.g. KUB with LESER Safety Valve has a certified factor of 1.0
- () too much less data available on other combinations, mostly based on one size method





SELECTION: BURSTING PRESSURE

ASME Code performance requirements:

burst tolerance

- for burst pressures above 40 psig: +/- 5%
- for burst pressures up to and including 40 psi: +/- 2 psi

Manuf. Design Range (MDR)

Depends on the manufacturer, typically -10%, -5% or 0%

Acceptance

2 burst tests at coincident temperature

Note: EN ISO 4126-2 requires higher no. of tests for batches of 10 pcs. and above



RUPTURE DISC SELECTION





SELECTION: OPERATING RATIO



Operating ratio (OR): (operating pressure / min. bursting pressure)

Bursting pressure: 100 psig Burst tolerances: +/- 5% Manuf. Design Range (MDR): 0% Max. bursting p: 105 psig Min. bursting p: 95 psig Normal operating: 85 psig Operating ratio: ? **Operating ratio: 0.895 (89.5%)**



SELECTION: OPERATING RATIO (OR)





TEMPERATURE INFLUENCE

- Rupture discs are temperature sensitive devices.
- Bursting pressures can vary significantly with the temperature of the rupture disc device.
- The burst temperature may be different from the normal fluid operating temperature.
- As the temperature at the disc increases, the bursting pressure usually decreases.
- For these reasons, the rupture disc must be specified at the pressure and temperature the disc is expected to burst.



- temperature and burstpressure relationships



Operating Temperature (°C)

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CORROSION BASICS

Corrosion risk is highly important in material selection for RD since these are made from thin materials.

EN ISO 4126 Bursting Disc Safety Devices:

Materials: "The materials for bursting disc safety devices shall be determined by the user and the manufacturer."

NACE MR0175/ISO 15156

Petroleum and natural gas industries - Materials for use in H_2S -containing environments in oil and gas production



FORWARD ACTING (TENSION LOADED) RUPTURE DISCS





REMBE® FORWARD ACTING DISCS (TENSION LOADED)



BT, BT-ODV

- ✓ 30 degree seat
- ✓ BT risk of fragmentation

BT-STAR

- ✓ Flat Seat holder
- ✓ Triple section disc
- ✓ Non-Fragmenting design
- Liquid & Gas service
- Stainless Steel, Aluminium, Inconel, Monel, Hastelloy, Nickel, Tantalum, Titanium, PTFE, FEP, PFA



REVERSE ACTING (COMPRESSION LOADED) RUPTURE DISCS



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SCORED REVERSE ACTING DISCS

The Industry's Standard



- Cross scoring is typical but also peripherally scored designs available
- Scoring is pre-weakening of the material
- Scoring process causes work hardening around the score lines
- Weakened material is at risk of corrosion: PREMATURE FAILURE
- Design require controlled torque & supervised installation



SCORED REVERSE ACTING DISCS REQUIRES CONTROLLED TORQUE PROCEDURES





Installation of Safety Head SRB-7FS[™] Assembly in Pressure System (Refer to Figure 6)

- Insert the preassembled SRB-7FS[™] safety head in the pressure system. Ensure flow arrows on the disk tag and on the safety head point in the same direction. Concave side of disk, must be away from process.
- Install gaskets between the safety head and the companion flanges. We recommend a compressed fiber gasket 1/16" (1.5 mm) or 1/8" (3 mm) thick. The user is cautioned to select gasket materials adequate for the service conditions including the ability of the gasket to resist "cold flow." Gaskets that cold flow will allow torque relaxation affecting their sealing performance. (The burst pressure of

disks installed in pre-torqueable safety heads SRB-7RS™ is unaffected.) Contact BS&B Safety Systems, L.L.C. or BS&B Safety Systems Ltd. if an alternative gasket type is used, or for advice on the use of spiral wound gaskets.

3. Install studs with nuts. Tighten all nuts finger tight before torquing. Evenly torque the studs to the values in Table C. Torque evenly in a diagonal pattern by applying 1/4 of the recommended torque to each stud. Repeat pattern by torquing to 1/2 then 3/4 of the recommended torque value. Then using same pattern, torque to full torque value. Do not exceed the specified torque value.



SCORED REVERSE ACTING DISCS

The Industry's Standard





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REMBE® REVERSE ACTING DISCS



- KUB[®] and IKB[®] are manufactured using Laser technology and computer controlled processes, conserves material structure
- 100% guaranteed relief area
- Non-Fragmenting designs
- Unique REMBE designed innovations
- Interchangeable designs
- Non-Torque sensitive
- Precise production results



IKB[®]: SUBLIMATED DESIGN



- May look similar to some of the "peripherally scored" discs on the market but the IKB is different
- Sublimation: of an element is the transition from solid to gas phase with no liquid phase in between. Sublimation is an endothermic phase transition that occurs at temperatures and pressure below the triple point
- ✓ Conserves the material structure: reduced risk of corrosion
- Precise production results
- ✓ Excellent pre-defined full bore opening



IKB® VS. SCORED DISC

Manufacturing Technique





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KUB® Euler's Law & Buckling Pin Rupture Discs



Leonard Euler (1707-1783)



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KUB® Euler's Law & Buckling Pin Rupture Discs



- Euler's law defines the axial compression force which will cause a column to fail in buckling.
- Laser cut buckling pin element
- No pre-weakening of material or structural changes.
- Smooth process side: No risk of corrosion and premature failure.
- 98% operating ratio. Lowest manufacturing tolerances due to numeric controlled laser cutting.
- Robust, even at low pressures.









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KUB® UNDER WORKING CONDITIONS





KUB® AFTER RESPONSE



- Full relief area
- Non-fragmenting
- Full discharge capacity in combination with PRV





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KUB[®] BENEFITS



- Can not be damaged during installation, not torque sensitive
- Corrosion safe design
- Highest operating ratio up to 98%
- Re-useable after inspection





COMPARISON OF A RUPTURE DISC + PRV

Rupture Disc

- Absolutely Leak Tight
- ✓ Competitive
- ✓ Full Bore Opening
- × Non-reclosing device
- × Single Use

Pressure Relief Valve

- ✓ Reclosing Device
- ✓ Reuseable
- × Requires maintenance
- Not leak tight risk of product loss

The advantages are consolidated with the combination of a rupture disc and a pressure relief valve!



PRV STAND ALONE



PRV applied for polymerizing mediahigh risk of overpressurizing of equipment





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KUB[®] IN COMBINATION WITH A PRV





ASME Code, Section VIII, Div. 1 on the use of rupture discs in combination with PRV:

- Isolate the valve from the system: corrosion protection, avoid the cost of a high alloy PRV
- Protect PRV against polymerisation
- prevent leakage and product loss
- Helps to reduce maintenance costs



REDUCING CAPEX AND IMPROVING PERFORMANCE

Standard PRV	with 4" 150 # x 6" 150 # (with M	Orifice)	
	PRV	Material	Material
		316SS (CF8M)	Hastelloy (C-22 Body & C-4 wetted parts)
	Standard Price PRV	4,694	21,511

	Standard S.s. PRV & Hastelloy disc+holder	Hastelloy PRV
Quantity 1	9,120	21,511
Quantity 10	79,310	215,110



KUB[®]-V-SERIES

In situ testing of your PRV



KUB®-V-Series is designed for use in combination with PRV in order to

- ✓ Lift-Test and maintain PRV in place
- ✓ extend maintenance intervals of PRV: Cost saving
- ✓ maximize Lifetime of PRV

Disc is designed and certified for back pressure resistance = burst pressure + 30%



KUB®-V-SERIES

Just 3 steps to lift-test your PRV





KUB[®]-V-SERIES

In-Situ testing of your PRV





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KUB[®]-V-SERIES

Long term benefit





Unprotected Pressure Relief Valve

Protected Pressure Relief Valve with KUB[®]



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SIGNALLING AND MONITORING DEVICES



- Type: SB/SB-S
- SB without relief bore
- SB-S with relief bore
- Signalling of response of discs or leakage detection
- Maintenance free
- In case of response, an electrical signal is produced, which can be used for remote alarm purposes



NIMU® NON-INVASIVE MONITORING UNIT



- non-invasive alarm unit
- simple but effective
- isolated from the process medium
- senses the disc position and immediately when the disc opens a corresponding signal is available to the control and monitoring PLC circuits alerting the operator which disc has opened.





OFFSHORE AND FPSO-FLARE APPLICATION





OIL&GAS AND FLARE APPLICATIONS PROTECTED BY REMBE® RD (CUSTOMER LIST EXTRACT)

- SBM Shell STONES FPSO
- ENI Norge GOLIAT FPSO
- GASCO Ruwais Abu Dhabi
- Petronas Ethylene, Malaysia
- SKARV and Veslefrikk (VFR) Aibel/Statoil, Norway
- MODEC various FPSO's for PETROBRAS
- AKER Solutions, Norway





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O&G AND PETROCHEMICAL APPLICATIONS PROTECTED BY REMBE[®] RD (CUSTOMER LIST EXTRACT)

- SAMCO / SABIC Acrylic Acid Complex in Al Jubail, KSA, 77 installations, EPC: Samsung/Linde
- RRE (Ruwais Refinery Expansion) Abu Dhabi, EPC GS E&C
- QAPCO LDPE 3, Qatar: EPC: UHDE, Bad Soden
- LANXESS BTR, Singapore EPC: Foster Wheeler
- EVONIK ME-5, Singapore EPC: Jacobs Engineering
- UHV, Thailand, EPC: SK Engineering
- Mary, Turkmenistan, EPC: KHI-Japan
- BAGFAS, Turkey, EPC: UHDE





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REGISTRATIONS (EXTRACT)







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