

Pressure Control with PA Air-Loaded Pilot

Pressure Pilot (Air)	PA
Pilot Body Material	Cast Steel/Ductile Iron
Max Inlet Pressure	300 PSIG
Reduced Outlet Pressure Range	3-200 PSIG
Inlet Pressure Range (when used with HD Standard main valve)	15-300 PSIG
Inlet Pressure Range (when used with HD-LP Low-Pressure main valve)	5-20 PSIG

Minimum Differential Pressure:

10 PSI (Standard Main Valve)

3 PSI (Low Pressure Main Valve)

Note: Temperature Range: 0-350°F when used with PTL & PTR temperature controllers

Pilot-Operated REGULATORS

Typical Applications

The **PA Air-Loaded Pressure Pilot** is used with the **HD Regulator** to control steam pressure on steam mains and process equipment. The principal advantage the **PA-Air Pilot** has over standard spring-loaded pilots is that pressure adjustments to the regulator can be made from a remote location. A regulator that is located in a difficult to reach or inaccessible location can be adjusted by a remote control panel board. The **PA-Air Pilot** can also be used in conjunction with the **PTL** or **PTR** pneumatic temperature controllers for controlling temperature in process applications.

How it Works

When air pressure is applied to the upper chamber of the air pilot it exerts a downward force on the air pilot's diaphragm. This force controls the outlet pressure of the steam through the regulating valve. The control process is similar to a spring loaded pressure pilot except that the air pressure takes the place of the spring. There are three separate models of air pilots that make up the complete range depending on the steam pressure that needs to be controlled and the control air pressure available. See Pressure Adjusting Ranges chart.

Features

- Pressure adjustments to the regulator can be done from a remote location using an air signal
- Air-operated pilot ensures instant response and extremely accurate control
- Full port strainer and blowdown valve on pilot adapter for protection of pilot from dirt and scale
- Controls pressure settings within ± 1 PSIG

DIMENSIONS – inches

Model	A	B
PA1	5 ¹ / ₄	5
PA4	5 ¹ / ₄	7 ⁷ / ₈
PA6	5 ¹ / ₄	9 ¹ / ₂



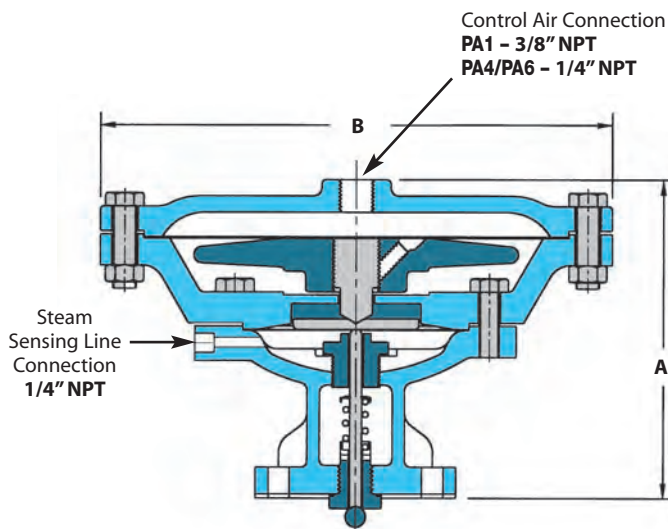
Model PA1
(Pilot shown)

HD Main Valve
with PA4 Pilot

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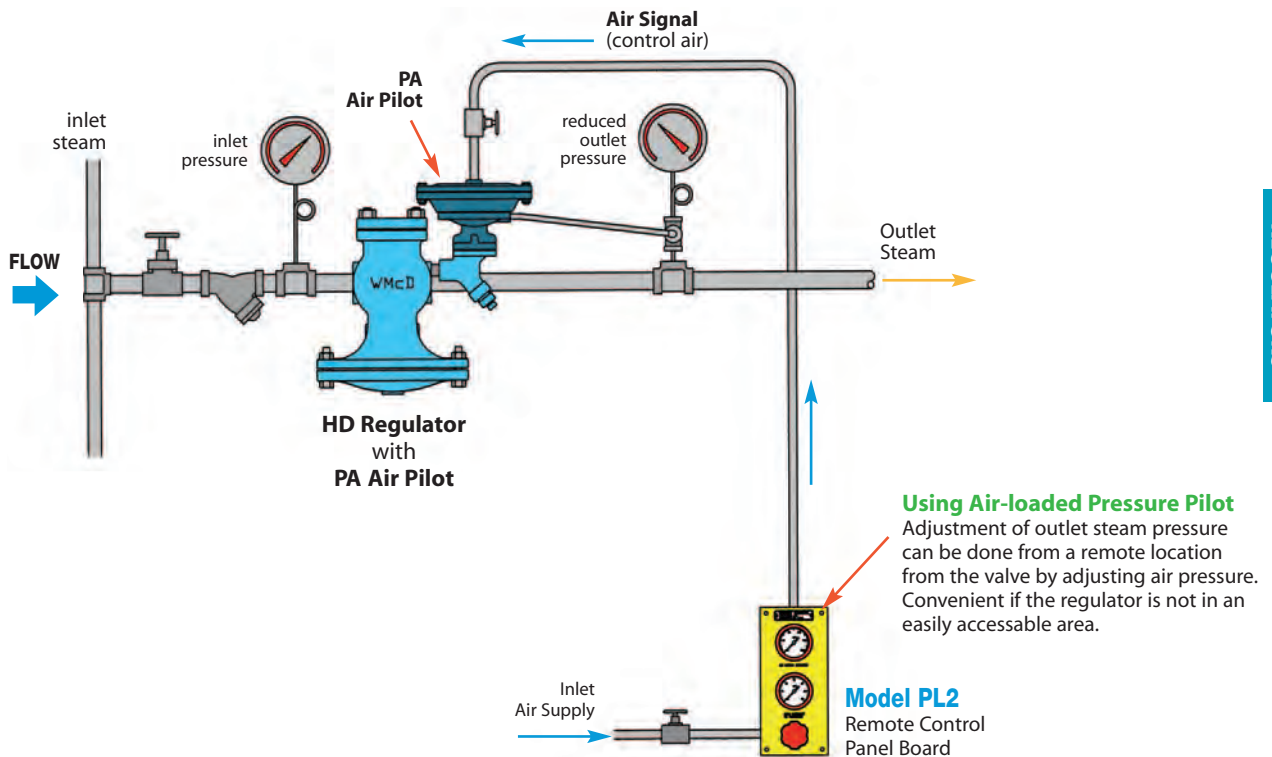
PRESSURE ADJUSTING RANGES		
Model	Pressure Ranges	Description
PA1	3-125 PSIG	1:1 ratio of steam pressure to control air pressure
PA4	3-200 PSIG	4:1 ratio of steam pressure to control air pressure
PA6	20-200 PSIG	6:1 ratio of steam pressure to control air pressure

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Pressure Reducing Station Using HD Regulator with an Air Pilot



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Description of Operation

The **PA-Air Pilot** is being used in conjunction with the **PL2 Control Panel Board** to regulate steam pressure. A small air regulator on the panel board can be adjusted to control the air pressure to the pilot. One gauge on the panel board measures air line pressure to the panel board and the other gauge shows the air pressure being sent to the pilot. Steam pressure at the outlet of the regulator is controlled by the air pressure signal to the pilot. Depending on the air pilot model chosen (**PA1**, **PA4**, **PA6**), there will be a 1:1, 4:1, or 6:1 ratio of outlet steam pressure to air pressure.

REMOTE CONTROL PANEL BOARDS

Three different options of remote control panel boards can be used along with the Air Pilots. Supply air is fed directly through the control panel board to the air pilot. You can choose one of the three options of control panel boards when using the air piloted regulators. Minimum of 5 PSIG air supply pressure is required.



PL1



PL2



PL3

PL1

The **PL1** is made up of an air pressure regulator with adjustment knob and pressure gauge that measures the amount of air pressure going to the pilot (air signal). Steam pressure of the system is controlled by adjusting the air pressure regulator.

PL2

The **PL2** is the same as the PL1 with the addition of an extra air pressure gauge for measuring the air supply pressure to the control panel board.

PL3

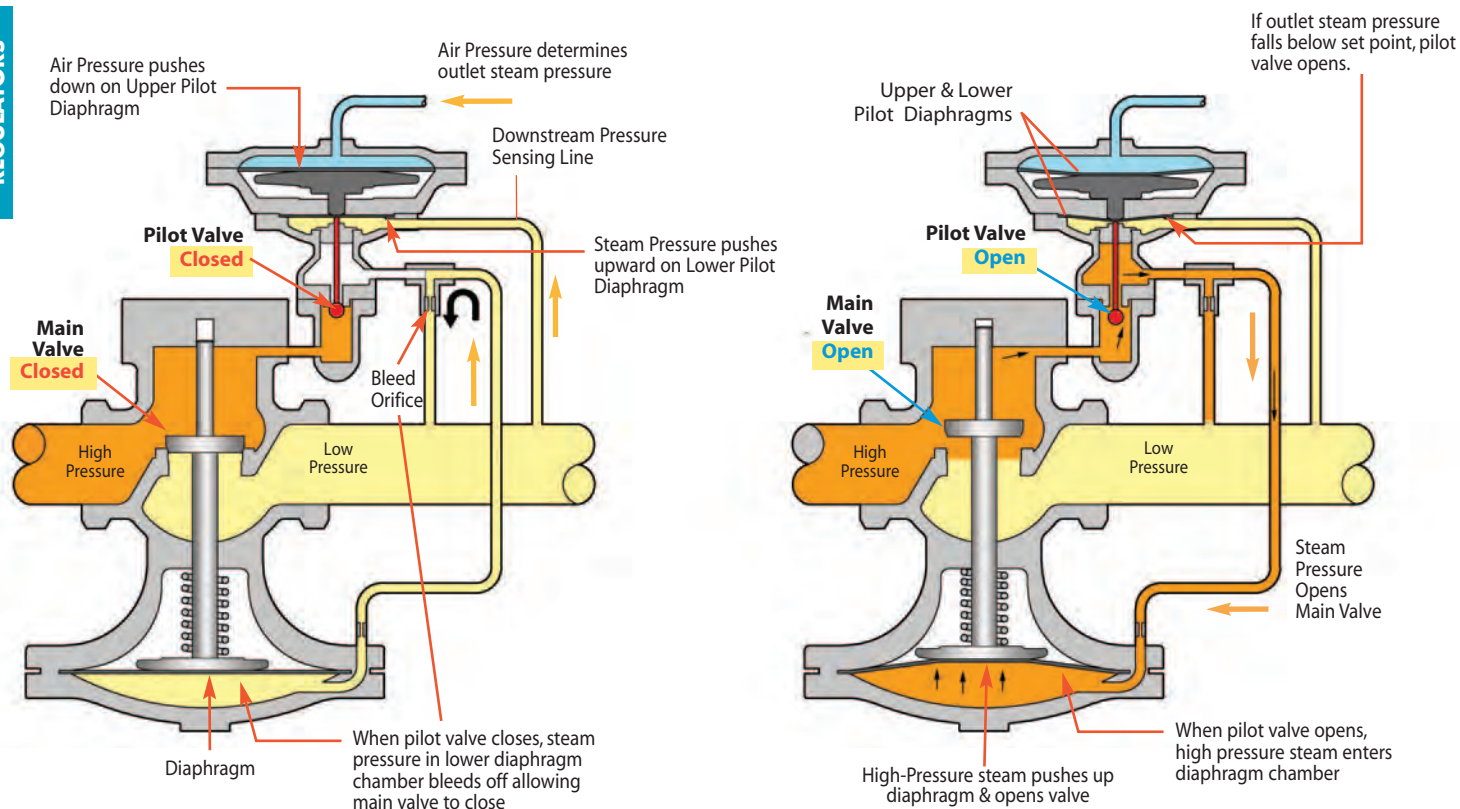
The **PL3** is the same as the PL2 with the addition of a Steam Pressure Gauge for measuring steam pressure on the outlet side of the regulating valve.

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When air pressure is applied to the upper chamber of the air pilot, it exerts a downward force on the air pilot's diaphragm. The lower chamber of the air pilot is connected to the outlet side of the regulator using a sensing line. The purpose of the sensing line is to sense the pressure on the outlet side of the regulator and direct it under the lower pilot diaphragm to push it upwards. When the intended set pressure is reached, the pilot valve closes, which then closes off the flow path of steam to the underside of the diaphragm chamber in the regulator body. The regulator modulates open and closed maintaining the desired downstream pressure. To change downstream pressure, increase or decrease air pressure to pilot accordingly.

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