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To avoid personal injury or equipment damage resulting from misuse or misapplication of a product, it is necessary to select the proper materials of construction and pressure-temperature ratings which are consistent with performance requirements.

INSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL

HPNGV3 Series Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Regulator

WARNING: These instructions must be read carefully prior to installation and system startup.

INTRODUCTION: The HPNGV3 Series regulator is a self contained, pressure reducing regulator designed and qualified for 3000 and 3600 psig CNG vehicular fuel systems. This regulator is factory calibrated and is not field adjustable. Various configurations of this regulator are available, based on the application needs. Consult the factory for part numbers, bowl kits, or configuration assistance.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS: High pressure CNG filtration (1 micron rating) is required to keep particulates in the gas stream from damaging the regulator and downstream components. The filter must be located upstream of the pressure regulator. Clean, burr free fittings and lines must be used to prevent particulate damage to the regulator.

CONNECTIONS: The HPNGV3 Series regulator is connected to the fuel system by inlet and outlet ports. These ports are SAE J1926 o-ring boss connections for 3/8" size tubing at the inlet connection (9/16-18 thread) and 1/2" size tubing at the outlet connection (3/4-16 thread). These connections are labeled "INLET" and "OUTLET". The inlet and outlet lines must be sized for sufficient flow, and the outlet fitting must provide a 3/8" minimum bore for gas flow.

A coolant circulation bowl is provided which permits engine heat to warm the regulator and prevent internal icing of the regulator valve. An optional coolant circulation bowl is available with a thermostat. Both types of coolant bowls are labeled for coolant inlet and outlet, adjacent to the connections. Standard coolant line connections are for 3/8" reinforced rubber hose, which is secured with hose clamps.

Optional high pressure sensors are available (factory installed) to measure inlet pressure and provide a proportional DC voltage signal to measure tank pressure.

Optional integral high pressure solenoids are available to close off the flow of gas through the regulator when a voltage power signal is turned off.

Optional pressure bias controls (manifold pressure reference) are available.

A pressure relief device (PRD) is provided. Standard regulator configurations discharge directly to atmosphere, however capture pipes are available for enclosed spaces or heavy duty vehicle applications.

CAUTION: The regulator's PRD is a control and not a system safety device. It may not protect the regulator or fuel system under all possible / potential failure modes. A downstream safety valve or other failsafe strategy must be used to fully protect the fuel system and vehicle. The PRD port must not be blocked by any obstruction.

MOUNTING: Two (2) M8 X 1.25 threaded holes are provided in the regulator to enable sturdy mounting. The regulator may be oriented in any direction; however Conoflow recommends that the gas ports are horizontally oriented to minimize exposure of the gas lines, and prevent collection of oil and moisture in the downstream line. The regulator must be rigidly mounted on the vehicle.

WARNING: Do not mount the regulator by gas or coolant connections only. This regulator must be securely mounted by M8 x 1.25 bolts.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Maximum Operating Inlet Pressure:	3600 psig (248 bar)
Outlet Pressure:	Factory preset – see regulator label
Outlet Pressure Variation in Service:	-10 to +18 psi from labeled setting throughout the range of operating inlet pressure, temperature and gas flow. See flow performance graph to see effect of inlet pressure and gas flow changes to the delivery pressure.
Temperature Range:	-40° F to 250° F (-40 °C to 120 °C)
Solenoid:	Normally closed, Pilot operated 12 or 24 VDC systems 2 Amp max draw. 5A line fuse recommended Amp Superseal 1.5
Sensor:	5000 psi span 5 +/- 0.25 VDC Excitement Ratiometric DC Output Packard Metripak 150 (3 conductor)
Connection Torques:	Inlet (SAE-6): 27 ft-lb Outlet (SAE-8): 42 ft-lb Mounting Bolts: 15 ft-lb
Flow Capacity:	110 lb/hr (13.9 g/s) of CNG
PRD Opening:	200 +/- 40 psig (optional) 270 +/- 60 psig (standard) 350 +/- 60 psig (optional)
PRD Type:	Reseatable
Approvals:	ECE R110

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION:

Body:	6061-T6 Aluminum
Bonnet:	6061-T6 Aluminum
Diaphragm / Seals:	NBR / XBR / HNBR Rubber
Valve Trim:	Stainless Steel / Polyimide / PEEK

NOTE: This regulator has been tested and certified for safe and reliable service in Natural Gas Vehicles. There are significant potential hazards associated with CNG which the user and / or installer must be aware of when using this product.

CAUTION: Install the regulator in accordance with NFPA 52, CAN/CGA-B149.4 and other codes and standards applicable to the jurisdiction of installation and service.

WARNING: CNG can cause damage and / or injury due to very high pressure, flammability, and extreme cold during expansion. Suitable safeguards must be employed during installation, commissioning and service to prevent harm to personnel and property.

PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

The HPNGV3 series is a mechanical pressure regulator. The main valve, within the regulator, is coupled to a diaphragm assembly. A spring preload against the diaphragm assembly pushes the main valve open. As gas flows through the regulator, downstream pressure will increase and push the diaphragm assembly against the spring load, closing the main valve. The diaphragm and valve are dynamic, and will seek equilibrium so the inlet pressure is reduced and regulated throughout the useful range of gas flow.

When the optional solenoid valve is used, the pilot valve will open when current flows through the solenoid coil. Once pressure builds in the pilot valve, the main orifice of the solenoid valve will open and permit full flow through the regulator.

When the engine is shut off, gas flow through the regulator ceases. The optional solenoid valve closes, and the regulator's main valve is pulled closed by the diaphragm assembly. Downstream pressure will be trapped in the low pressure side of the fuel system.

An engine coolant circulation bowl is fitted over the end of the regulator to provide engine heat to the regulator valve and the gas. This heat prevents ice buildup in the regulator, which could reduce performance and regulator life.

INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

WARNING: Inspect the unit after unpacking. If the unit appears to be damaged do not place in service.

1. Plan the installation for the best combination of accessibility, protection from engine exhaust heat, mechanical vibration or impact, and suitable mounting orientation.
* SEE SYSTEM IMPERATIVES ON PAGES 3 and 4
2. Lightly lubricate the o-rings of the inlet and outlet gas fittings and install the fittings into the regulator to the recommended torques.
3. If applicable, lubricate the o-ring of the pressure transducer and install it into the SAE-3 port of the regulator to the recommended torque.

INSTALLATION GUIDELINES, CONTINUED

4. If the regulator is equipped with an optional PRD capture pipe, connect the system fitting to the capture pipe.
NOTE: If the optional 1/4" NPT PRD Capture Pipe is used, it must be wrench supported during connection.
5. Attach regulator securely to vehicle, using the two M8 x 1.25 mounting bolts.
6. Connect the inlet, outlet, and coolant connections. Assure any entrapped air in regulator is fully purged from coolant bowl. If applicable, connect the PRD, sensor and solenoid.
7. Pressurize the system and perform a leak test of gas connections with liquid leak detection solution or soapy water.
8. If the optional solenoid is used, energize the circuit and verify the outlet gas connection is leak tight.

SYSTEM IMPERATIVES

Imperatives are those conditions, when violated, can cause regulator or system failure and an increased risk of gas release. The following imperatives are listed with potential risks to assist the fuel system integrator with system design failure modes and effects analysis.

1. Upstream Coalescing Filter

This pressure regulator is equipped with a coarse internal filter. A larger, finer grade filter must be installed immediately upstream of the regulator. This filter should be sized for suitable flow capacity. The purpose of this filter is to prevent excessive moisture and compressor oil droplets, or particulate contaminants from entering the regulator. A one (1) micron filter will sufficiently protect the regulator from particulate contamination damage.

2. Upstream Lock off (solenoid) Valve

If the optional integrated solenoid valve is not used, a normally closed solenoid valve must be installed upstream of the regulator. This is a safety requirement to prevent gas from freely flowing during vehicle shutdown. Although the regulator is capable of bubble tight shutoff, the lock off valve is the correct safety device for this function.

The lock off valve must be energized when the ignition key is in the "Run" position, and de-energized when the vehicle is "Off".

3. Inlet / Outlet Lines

To prevent excessive pressure drop at flow, the inlet and outlet fuel lines should be of suitable size. The regulator has been designed for SAE o-ring boss fittings which correspond to 3/8 inch OD tubing (SAE-6) for the inlet, and 1/2 inch OD tubing (SAE-8) for the outlet. These are the recommended line sizes. The minimum bore of the fittings must be a minimum of 0.27 inch (6.8 mm) for the SAE-6 inlet fitting and 0.37 inch (9.4 mm) for the SAE-8 outlet fitting. Fittings may be of type SAE J1926/2 or SAE J1926/3.

Tubing must be clean and free of burrs, which could contaminate the regulator or system. The outlet line should not be run upward from the regulator outlet port, due to the potential for excessive oil and condensate collection. A level or downward run is preferred to prevent collection.

4. Downstream Relief Valve

Although the regulator is equipped with a pressure relief device (PRD), a high flow relief valve or other protective strategy must be installed between the regulator outlet and the remainder of the fuel system. The regulator's PRD is not a high flow device and may not protect the regulator or fuel system in case of sudden failure.

5. Engine Coolant

The expansion of high pressure gas to low pressure creates a significant temperature drop. To prevent moisture from freezing inside the regulator and creating a blockage, heated engine coolant must be circulated within the regulator. The regulator is equipped with a coolant bowl for this purpose. Engine coolant must be maintained for at least -40 degree antifreeze protection. If the coolant were to freeze in the regulator, for any reason, the coolant containment integrity may be compromised.

Phosphate based coolants can damage the coolant seals in this product.

6. Excessive Temperature

The regulator is designed for safe and reliable operation within a temperature range of -40 to 250 °F. Temperatures beyond 275 °F can cause permanent damage to internal seals and must be avoided. If the regulator is located in an area with the potential for high temperature (such as radiated energy from exhaust system components, etc), suitable heat shields must be employed.

SYSTEM IMPERATIVES, CONTINUED

7. Fitting Torque

The correct assembly torque for the inlet (SAE-6) fitting is 27 ft-lb.

The correct assembly torque for the outlet (SAE-8) fitting is 42 ft-lb.

Inadequate torque could allow the fitting to loosen in service and leak. Excessive torque could weaken or shear the threads in the inlet and / or outlet port of the regulator. Use correct tools and exercise caution when installing or connecting fittings to prevent injury. A suitable lubricant (oil, synthetic grease, etc) should be applied to the o-ring of the fitting, prior to installation, to help the o-ring seat and seal. Do not use silicon grease – silicon may poison the oxygen sensor in some vehicles.

The inlet and outlet fitting is sealed with an o-ring. Thread sealant is not required, nor recommended.

8. Submergence in water

Except for bonnet bias models, the regulator uses an atmospheric reference hole in the bonnet to sense ambient pressure. This hole is “filled” with a porous hydrophobic plastic plug to prevent water intrusion from splashing, wash down, etc. This plug may not prevent water intrusion if the regulator were to be submerged in water. For this reason, the regulator should not be mounted low in a vehicle which would have to cross flooded roads, etc.

9. Chemicals in Fuel

Any cleaners or abnormal additives, drying agents, etc in the fuel could cause damage to the regulator’s internal seals. The regulator is tolerant to substances that occur in compressed natural gas, including most compressor oils, however ITT Conoflow should be contacted regarding other materials.

As part of your fuel system and vehicle protection review, ITT recommends the incorporation of a system warning label that clearly advises maintenance technicians to 1) NOT DISABLE any automatic upstream isolation valves and to 2) CLOSE upstream isolation valves and bleed system pressure prior to servicing.

TROUBLESHOOTING:

1. The regulator “pops” when I turn on ignition key and activate solenoid valve(s).

This is caused by downstream leakage, or regulator damage caused by particulates. If the downstream pressure bleeds down, the inrush of high pressure CNG can cause the regulator outlet pressure to overshoot the PRD opening pressure and discharge excessive pressure from the line. Correct / repair any downstream leakage to prevent system depressurization when the vehicle is not operating.

2. After driving the vehicle, I see frost on the exterior of the regulator and outlet fuel line.

This is quite common for driving cycles where there is a significant amount of gas flow. Although the regulator is heated with engine coolant, this heat is used to protect the valve, and is not sufficient to heat the fuel completely. As the fuel flows to the engine, it will pick up heat from the fuel line. Some heavy duty applications may require a downstream heat exchanger.

3. When leak testing the system, our gas detector shows leakage from the white plug on the regulator.

A very slight amount of gas permeates from the regulator, and this is normal. A gas detector can show leakage “false alarms”, as this instrument is very sensitive. Conoflow recommends using commercially available leak detection solution, or soapy water, to leak test the system.

4. Loud noises are coming from the regulator.

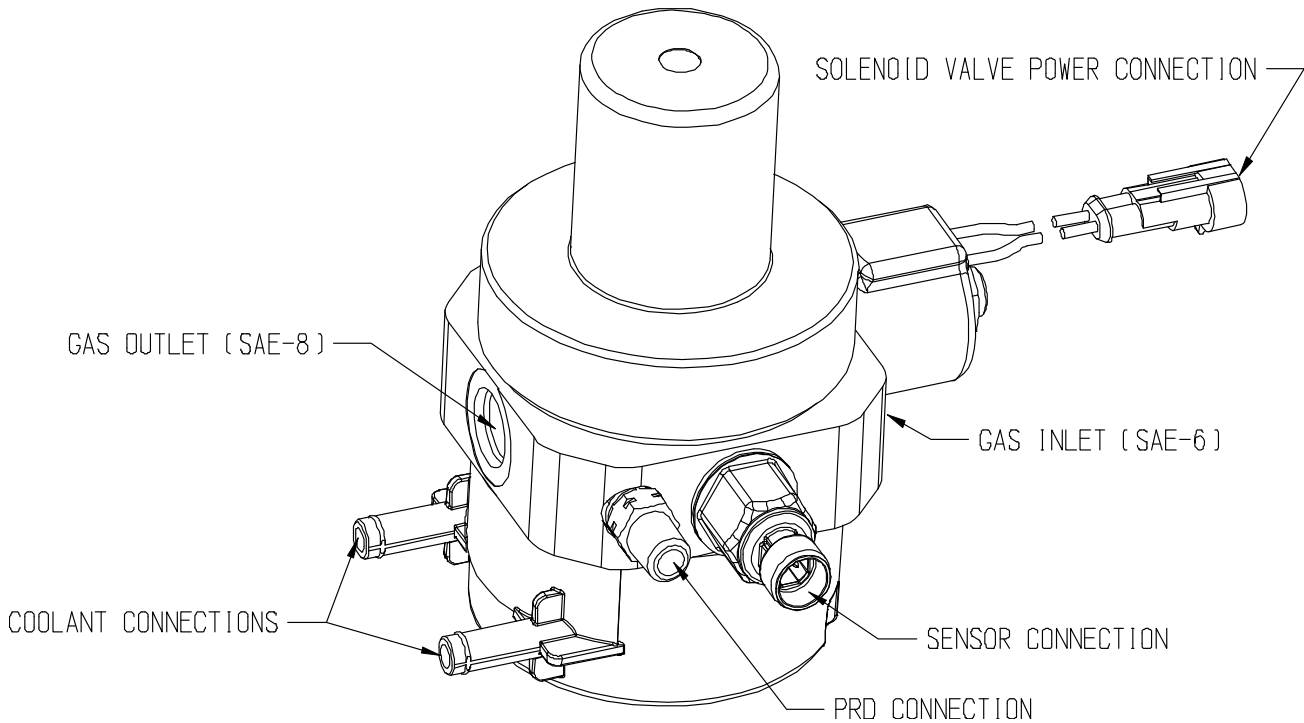
Noisy operation can be caused by a number of system interaction issues. If incorrect fittings or line sizes are used (small bore fittings, tubing too small), the regulator may be starved for pressure and overshoot the steady equilibrium it is trying to achieve. This will cause internal oscillation which can create noises ranging from a buzzing sound to a rapid internal knocking sound. In rare instances, the regulator’s resonant frequency (typically around 380 Hz) will match the fuel system’s resonant frequency. Changing the length of the outlet line will usually solve this issue.

Regulator Model Breakdown (CED Code)

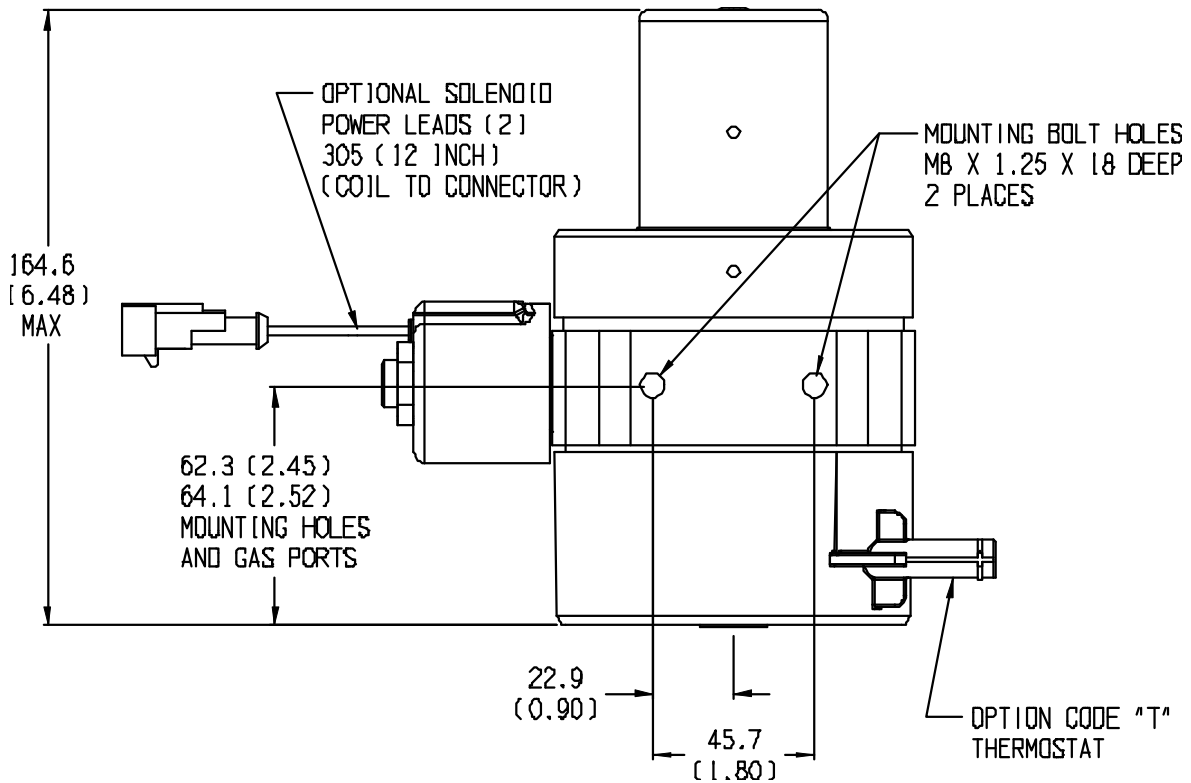
<u>Text Position</u>	<u>Option Code</u>	<u>Definition of Character</u>
1 through 6	HPNGV3	Regulator Model / Product Designation
7	Bonnet Option Codes	
	S	Standard Bonnet
	C	3/16" Straight Hose Barb Connection on Bonnet
	E	1/4" Tube Elbow (for Poly Tubing) Connection on Bonnet
8-9	Sensor and Solenoid Option Codes	
	XX	No Sensor or Solenoid
	25	Sensor only – 0.25 to 4.75 Volt DC Output
	50	Sensor only – 0.50 to 4.50 Volt DC Output
	12	Solenoid only – Normally Closed, 12 Volt DC Operation
	24	Solenoid only – Normally Closed, 24 Volt DC Operation
	X2	Sensor and Solenoid, 0.25 – 4.75 Volt / 12 Volt DC
	X3	Sensor and Solenoid, 0.50 – 4.50 Volt / 12 Volt DC
	X4	Sensor and Solenoid, 0.25 – 4.75 Volt / 24 Volt DC
	X5	Sensor and Solenoid, 0.50 – 4.50 Volt / 24 Volt DC
10	Coolant Bowl Option Codes	
	T	Thermostat Equipped Coolant Bowl
	H	No Thermostat in Coolant Bowl
11	PRD Pressure Codes	
	A	200 psi (+/- 40) PRD Setting
	B	270 psi (+/- 60) PRD Setting
	C	350 psi (+/- 60) PRD Setting
12	PRD Connection Codes	
	X	PRD Discharges to atmosphere
	P	1/4" Male NPT PRD Capture Pipe
	T	1/2" Tube Stub PRD Capture Pipe
13 through 15	Output Pressure Setting Codes	
	XXX	Output Pressure Setting (PSI)

**CAUTION: Regulator is factory preset.
Changing the pressure setting can cause unexpected and/or potentially hazardous operation.**

CONNECTION IDENTIFICATION AND TYPICAL GEOMETRY
HPNGV3SX_T_P___ CONFIGURATION SHOWN – DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETER (INCH)

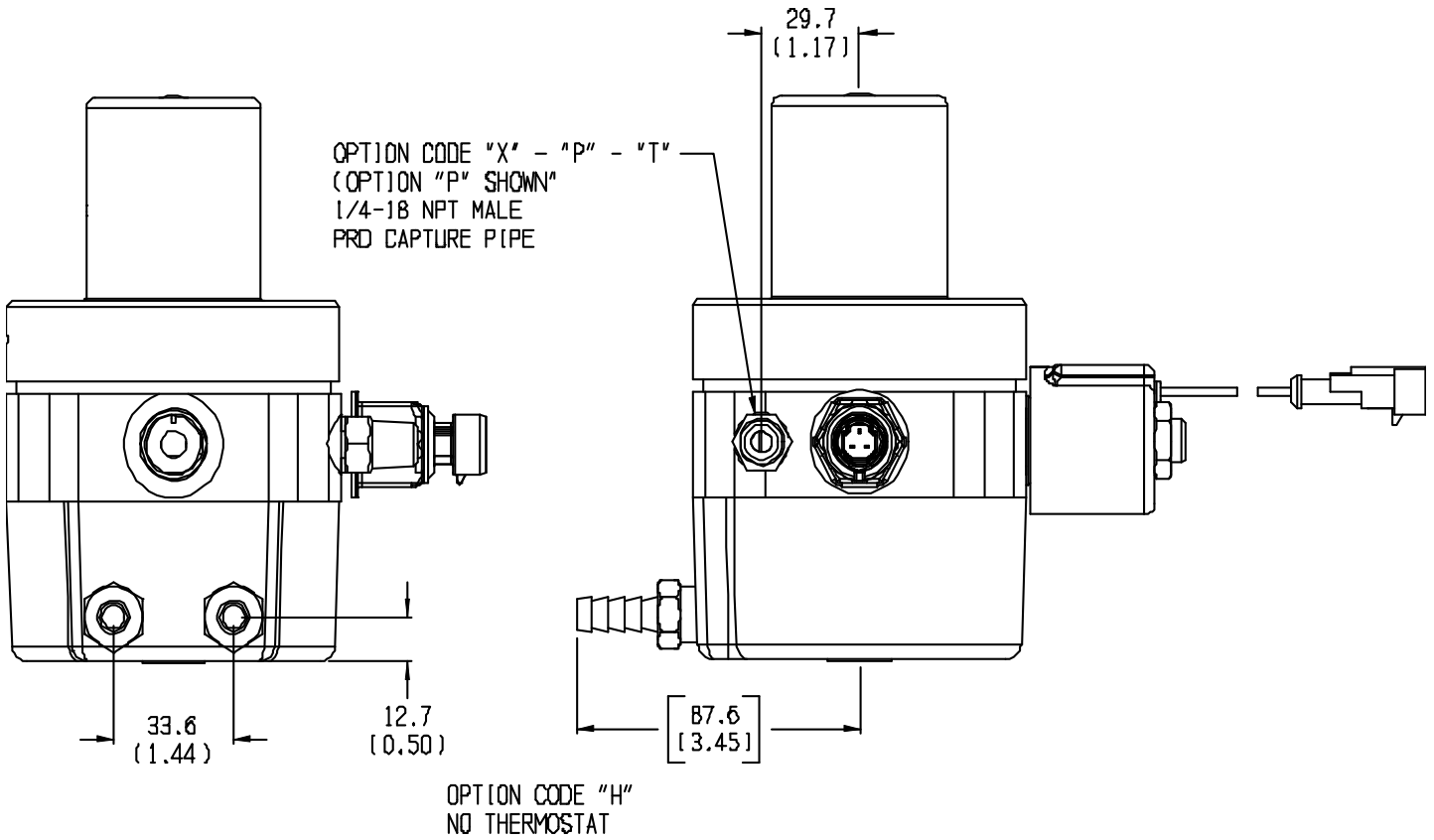
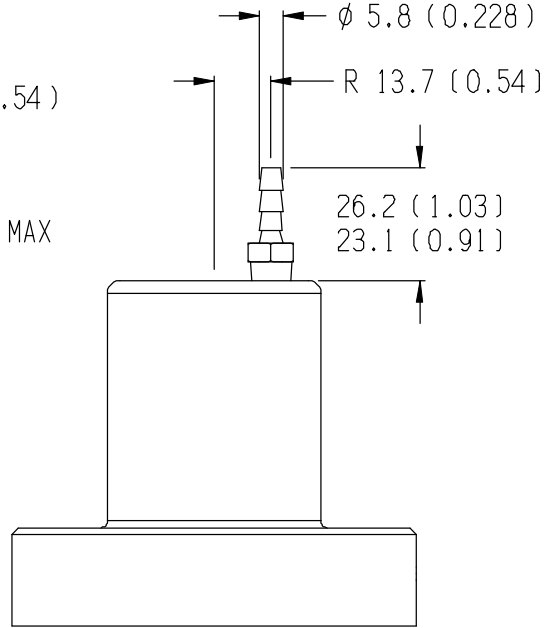
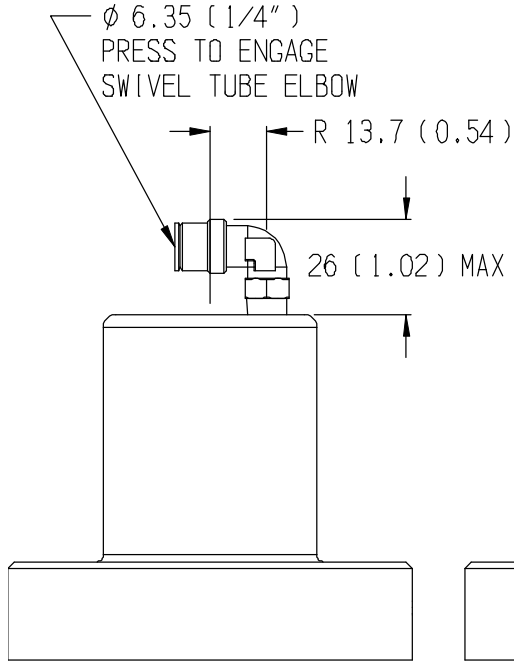


Interface Views – Options



OPTION "E"
 (1/4" TUBE ELBOW)

OPTION "C"
 (3/16" HOSE BARB)



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