I. DESCRIPTION AND SCOPE

The Model D is a pressure reducing regulator used to control downstream (outlet or P₂) pressure. Sizes are 3/8” (DN10), 1/2” (DN15), 3/4” (DN20) and 1” (DN25). With proper trim utilization, the unit is suitable for liquid, gaseous, or steam service. Refer to Technical Bulletin D-TB for design conditions and selection recommendations.

The Model DL is also a pressure reducing regulator similar to above Model D. Sizes are 1-1/2” (DN40) and 2” (DN50). (Model DL was formerly a Cashco Model D). Refer to Technical Bulletin DL-TB for design conditions and selection recommendations.

SECTION II

II. INSTALLATION

1. An inlet block valve should always be installed.

2. If service application is continuous such that shutdown is not readily accomplished, it is recommended that an inlet block valve, outlet block valve, and a manual bypass valve be installed.

3. Pipe unions should be installed to allow removal from piping.

4. An outlet pressure gauge should be located approximately ten pipe diameters downstream and within sight.

5. All installations should include a downstream relief device if the inlet pressure could exceed the pressure rating of any downstream equipment or the maximum outlet pressure rating of the unit.

CAUTION

For welded installations, all internal trim parts, seals and diaphragm(s) must be removed from regulator body prior to welding into pipeline. The heat of fusion welding will damage non-metallic parts if not removed. NOTE: This does not apply to units equipped with extended pipe nipples.

6. Clean the piping of all foreign material including chips, welding scale, oil, grease and dirt before installing the regulator. Strainers are recommended.

7. In placing thread sealant on pipe ends prior to engagement, ensure that excess material is removed and not allowed to enter the regulator upon startup.

8. Flow Direction: Install so the flow direction matches the arrow cast on the body.

9. For best performance, install in well drained horizontal pipe, properly trapped, if a steam service application.

10. Basic Regulator - (Refer to Figure 2): Regulator may be rotated around the pipe axis 360°. Recommended position is with spring chamber vertical upwards. Orient such that the spring chamber vent hole does not collect rainwater or debris.

CAUTION

Installation of adequate overpressure protection is recommended to protect the regulator from overpressure and all downstream equipment from damage in the event of regulator failure.
III. PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

1. Movement occurs as pressure variations register on the diaphragm. The registering pressure is the outlet, \( P_2 \), or downstream pressure. The range spring or loading pressure (Opt.-20) opposes diaphragm movement. As outlet pressure drops, the range spring or loading pressure pushes the diaphragm down, opening the port; as outlet pressure increases, the diaphragm pushes up and the port opening closes.

2. A complete diaphragm failure will cause the regulator to fail open.

SECTION IV

IV. STARTUP

1. Start with the block valves closed. A bypass valve may be used to maintain outlet pressure in the downstream system without changing the following steps.

2. Relax the range spring by turning the adjusting screw counterclockwise (CCW) a minimum of three (3) full revolutions or reduce loading pressure (Opt.-20). This reduces the outlet (downstream) pressure set point.

3. If it is a “hot” piping system, and equipped with a bypass valve, slowly open the bypass valve to preheat the system piping and to allow slow expansion of the piping. Ensure proper steam trap operation if installed. Closely monitor outlet (downstream) pressure via gauge to ensure not over-pressurizing. **NOTE:** If no bypass valve is installed, extra caution should be used in starting up a cold system; i.e. do everything slowly.

4. Crack open the outlet (downstream) block valve.

5. Slowly open the inlet (upstream) block valve observing the outlet (downstream) pressure gauge. Determine if the regulator is flowing. If not, slowly rotate the regulator adjusting screw (6) clockwise (CW) or increase loading pressure (Opt.-20) until flow begins.

6. Continue to slowly open the inlet (upstream) block valve until fully open.

7. Continue to slowly open the outlet (downstream) block valve, especially when the downstream piping system isn't pressurized. If the outlet (downstream) pressure exceeds the desired pressure, close the block valve and go to Step 2, then return to Step 4.

8. When flow is established steady enough that the outlet (downstream) block valve is fully open, begin to slowly close the bypass valve if installed.

9. Develop system flow to a level near its expected normal rate, and reset the regulator set point by turning the adjusting screw (6) CW to increase outlet pressure, or CCW to reduce outlet pressure.

10. Reduce system flow to a minimum level and observe set point. Outlet pressure will rise from the set point of Step 9. The maximum rise in outlet pressure on decreasing flow should not exceed the stated upper limit of the range spring by greater than 10%; i.e. 10-40 psig (.69 - 2.8 Barg) range spring, at low flow the outlet pressure should not exceed 44 psig (3 Barg), if it does, consult factory.
SECTION V

V. SHUTDOWN

1. On systems with a bypass valve, and where system pressure is to be maintained as the regulator is shut down, slowly open the bypass valve while reducing the loading pressure (Opt.-20) and slowly closing the inlet (upstream) block valve. When all loading pressure is relieved, fully close the inlet (upstream) block valve. (When on bypass, the system pressure must be constantly observed and manually regulated.) Close the outlet (downstream) block valve.

2. If the regulator and system are to both be shutdown, remove all loading pressure while slowly closing the inlet (upstream) block valve. Close the outlet (downstream) valve only if regulator removal is required.

SECTION VI

VI. MAINTENANCE

A. General:

1. Maintenance procedures hereinafter are based upon removal of the regulator unit from the pipeline where installed.

2. Owner should refer to owner’s procedures for removal, handling, cleaning and disposal of nonreusable parts, i.e. gaskets, etc.

3. Refer to Figure 2 for basic regulator. Refer to Figure 4 for cryogenic regulator. For blow-ups of Option-4 Stabilizer, refer to Figure 3.

B. Diaphragm Replacement:

1. Securely install the body (1) in a vise with the spring chamber (2) loading chamber (33) directed upwards.

2. Relax range spring (14) by turning adjusting screw (6) CCW until removed from spring chamber (2). NOTE: If the D-3 Option handwheel is utilized, the adjusting screw (6) and locknut (7) are replaced respectively by handwheel adjusting screw (20) and locking lever (21). Refer to Figure 1.

3. Draw or embed a match mark between body casting (1) and spring chamber casting (2) loading chamber (33) along flanged area.

4. Remove all diaphragm nuts (9) and bolts (8).

5. Remove spring chamber (2), (loading chamber 33), range spring (14), spring button (4), pressure plate (3) and diaphragm(s) (12). NOTE: Refer to the quantity of diaphragms (12) incorporated per the bill of materials listing. Depending on outlet pressure level, multiple metal diaphragms may be “stacked”.

6. Remove pusher plate (11) and inspect for a fit which limits its travel to a vertical direction. Wear will show as excessive wobble in pusher plate (11). If apparent, recommend trim removal and inspection; go to Sub-Section C following. Reinstall pusher plate (11).

7. Inspect pressure plate (3) to ensure no deformation due to over-pressurization. If deformed, replace.

8. Clean body (1) and diaphragm flange. NOTE: On regulators originally supplied as “oxygen clean”, Option D-5, D-36, D-55, or DL-55, maintenance must include a level of cleanliness equal to Cashco cleaning standard #S-1134. On regulators originally supplied as “cleaned for Pharmaceutical and Food applications” Option D-37 or D-37S, maintenance must include a level of cleanliness equal to Cashco cleaning standard #S-1576.

9. Place diaphragm gasket (13) on body (1) flange. Position diaphragm(s) (12) into place. Visually center pressure plate (3) onto diaphragm(s) (12), and set range spring (14) onto retainer hub of pressure plate (3). (Opt.-20 does not utilize spring skip to step 11.) NOTE: No diaphragm gasket (13) for composition diaphragm.
10. Place multi-purpose, high temperature grease into depression of spring button (4) where adjusting screw bears. Set spring button (4) onto range spring (14); ensure spring button (4) is laying flat.

11. Aligning the matchmarks, place spring chamber (2) over the above stacked parts. Install all bolts (8) and nuts (9) by hand tightening. Mechanically tighten bolting (8 & 9) in a cross pattern that allows spring chamber (2) to be pulled down evenly. Recommended torque values are as follows:

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**NOTE:** Never replace bolting (8 & 9) with just any bolting if lost. Bolt heads and nuts are marked with specification identification markings. Use only proper grades as replacements.

12. Reinstall adjusting screw (6) with locknut (7).

13. Spray liquid leak detector around bolting (8 & 9) and body (1) and spring chamber (2) flanges and test for leakage. Ensure that an outlet pressure is maintained during this leak test of at least mid-range spring level; i.e. 10-40 psig (.69 - 2.8 Barg) range spring, 25 psig (1.7 Barg) test pressure minimum.

C. Trim Replacement:

1. Install body (1) in a vise with the body cap (5) on top and the body (1) flange downwards.

2. Loosen and remove body cap (5).

3. Remove piston spring (17), piston (15), cylinder (16) and pusher plate (11). For Opt.-20 do not remove pusher plate (11). Inspect parts for excessive wear, especially at seat surfaces. Replace if worn, nicked or depressed. (Valves equipped with Opt-4 Stabilizer will have the u-cup stabilizer seal (32) removed when the piston (15) is removed from body (1). Remove stabilizer seal (32), if installed).

4. Remove the cylinder gasket (18) and clean contacting surface of body (1).

5. Clean flat mating surfaces of body (1) to body cap (5) shoulder.

6. Clean debris from within body (1) cavity. Clean parts to be reused.

**NOTE:** On regulators originally supplied as "oxygen clean", Option D-5, D-36, D-55, or DL-55, maintenance must include a level of cleanliness equal to Cashco cleaning standard #S-1134. On regulators originally supplied as "cleaned for Pharmaceutical and Food applications", Option D-37 or D-37S, maintenance must include a level of cleanliness equal to Cashco cleaning standard #S-1576. Contact factory for details.

7. Reinstall the pusher plate (11). Ensure proper position of flat surface being downwards. Ensure centered.

8. Reinstall a new cylinder gasket (18). Press firmly and evenly into place using the cylinder (16). Do not use a "homemade" cylinder gasket. Pipe sealant may be lightly coated to cylinder gasket (18) surfaces prior to installation, except when utilized as Item 6 above.

9. Reinstall the cylinder (16) concentrically within the body cap (5) opening.

10. If supplied with Opt-4 Stabilizer, install new stabilizer seal (32) properly oriented onto piston (15). See Figure 4.

11. Slide the piston (15), including stabilizer seal (32) if supplied, slowly into place, ensuring that the piston (15) post slides into the female groove of the pusher plate (11). Use thumbs to ease stabilizer seal (32) into cylinder (16).

12. Place piston spring (17) into piston (15) cavity.

13. Use pipe thread sealant applied to the body cap (5) threads. Thread body cap (5) into body (1). For all sizes of the Ductile Iron and SST body caps - impact until body cap (5) is metal to metal against body (1) at the body cap (5) shoulder.

**For 3/8” & 1/2” size with bronze** body cap - tighten cap to between 70 - 80 Ft-Lbs torque. **For 3/4” & 1” size with bronze** body cap - tighten cap to between 125-150 Ft-Lbs.

14. Bench test unit for suitable operation. **NOTE:** Regulators are not tight shutoff devices. Even if pressure builds up beyond set point, a regulator may or may not develop bubble tight shutoff. In general, tighter shutoff can be expected with composition seat.

15. Spray liquid leak detector around body cap (5) and body (1) for test for leakage. Test pressure should be a minimum of 100 psig (6.9 Barg) at
the inlet. Outlet should be tested to upper value of range spring (14) with a 100 psig (6.9 Barg) minimum.

**NOTE:** *When piston (15) assemblies are used with comp seats, Cashco, Inc. does not recommend attempting to remove the comp seat. If composition seat is damaged, replace entire piston assembly.*

## SECTION VII

### VII. TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE

#### 1. Erratic operation; chattering.

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A2. Decrease regulator pressure drop; decrease inlet pressure by placing a throttling orifice in inlet piping union; 2-stage pressure drop by using with another regulator in series.  
A3. Install next step higher range spring. Contact factory.  
A4. Before replacing regulator, contact factory. |
| B. Inadequate rangeability (regulator full capacity approximately 50% utilized). | B1. Decrease regulator pressure drop; decrease inlet pressure by placing a throttling orifice in inlet piping union; 2-stage pressure drop by using with another regulator in series.  
B2. Install next step higher range spring. Contact factory. |
| C. Worn piston/cylinder; inadequate guiding. | C. Replace trim. |
| D. Weakened/broken piston spring. | D. Replace piston spring. Determine if corrosion is causing the failure; if so, then consider alternate trims. |
| E. Flow induced instability. | E. Replace piston with piston that includes Opt-4 Stabilizer seal. |

#### 2. Downstream pressure will not reach desired setting.

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A2. Check actual flow conditions, resize regulator; if regulator has inadequate capacity, replace with larger unit. |
| B. Plugged trim. | B. Remove trim and check for plugged holes in cylinder. |
| C. Incorrect range spring (screwing in CW of adjusting screw does not allow bringing pressure level up to proper level). | C. Replace range spring with proper higher range. Contact factory. |
D2. Contact factory. |
| E. Restricted diaphragm movement. | E. Ensure no moisture in spring chamber at temperatures below freeze point. Ensure no dust or debris entering vent opening. If rainwater or debris can enter, re-orient spring chamber. |

#### 3. Leakage through the spring chamber vent hole.

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B2. Can be caused by corrosive action. Consider alternate diaphragm material.  
B3. For composition diaphragms, ensure not subjecting to over-temperature conditions.  
B4. Downstream (outlet) pressure buildup occurring that overstresses diaphragms. Relocate regulator or protect with safety relief valve. |

**NOTE:** When piston (15) assemblies are used with comp seats, Cashco, Inc. does not recommend attempting to remove the comp seat. If composition seat is damaged, replace entire piston assembly.
SECTION VIII

4. Excessive pressure downstream.

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<td>B. Downstream block.</td>
<td>B. Check system; isolate (block) flow at regulator inlet - not outlet. Relocate regulator if necessary.</td>
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<td>C. No pressure relief protection.</td>
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<td>C. Fluid too viscous.</td>
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VIII. ORDERING INFORMATION

NEW REPLACEMENT UNIT vs PARTS "KIT" FOR FIELD REPAIR

To obtain a quotation or place an order, please retrieve the Serial Number and Product Code that was stamped on the metal name plate and attached to the unit. This information can also be found on the Bill of Material ("BOM"), a parts list that was provided when unit was originally shipped. (Serial Number typically 6 digits). Product Code typical format as follows: (last digit is alpha character that reflects revision level for the product).

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NEW REPLACEMENT UNIT:

Contact your local Cashco, Inc., Sales Representative with the Serial Number and Product code. With this information they can provide a quotation for a new unit including a complete description, price and availability.

PARTS “KIT” for FIELD REPAIR:

Contact your local Cashco, Inc., Sales Representative with the Serial Number and Product code. Identify the parts and the quantity required to repair the unit from the "BOM" sheet that was provided when unit was originally shipped.

NOTE: Those part numbers that have a quantity indicated under “Spare Parts” in column “A” reflect minimum parts required for inspection and rebuild, - "Soft Goods Kit". Those in column “B” include minimum trim replacement parts needed plus those “Soft Goods” parts from column “A”.

If the "BOM" is not available, refer to the cross-sectional drawings included in this manual for part identification and selection.

A Local Sales Representative will provide quotation for appropriate Kit Number, Price and Availability.

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Figure 1: Option D-3 or DL-3  
Handwheel and Locking Lever

Figure 2: Basic Model D - Comp Diaphragm

Figure 3: Option-4 - Stabilizer

Figure 4: Option D-5 or D-36 Cryogenic Model D  
Metal Diaphragm

Figure 5: Option-20 - Pressure Loaded

NOTE: Mount in horizontal line with adjusting screw down (as shown).

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Not Shown:

27  Gauge
28  Bushing

1  NOT included in kits - must order additionally.
These valves satisfy the safety conditions according to EN 13463-1 and EN 13463-5 for equipment group IIG 2 c.

Caution: Because the actual maximum temperature depends not on the equipment itself, but upon the fluid temperature, a single temperature class or temperature cannot be marked by the manufacturer.

Specific Precaution to Installer: Electrical grounding of valve must occur to minimize risk of effective electrical discharges.

Specific Precaution to Installer: Atmosphere vent holes should be plugged to further minimize the risk of explosion.

Specific Precaution to Maintenance: The Valve Body/Housing must be regularly cleaned to prevent buildup of dust deposits.

Specific Precaution to Maintenance: Conduct periodic Continuity Check between Valve Body/Housing and Tank to minimize risk of electrical discharges.

Attention: When repairing or altering explosion-protected equipment, national regulations must be adhered to. For maintenance and repairs involving parts, use only manufacturer's original parts.

ATEX requires that all components and equipment be evaluated. Cashco pressure regulators are considered components. Based on the ATEX Directive, Cashco considers the location where the pressure regulators are installed to be classified Equipment-group II, Category 3 because flammable gases would only be present for a short period of time in the event of a leak. It is possible that the location could be classified Equipment-group II, Category 2 if a leak is likely to occur. Please note that the system owner, not Cashco, is responsible for determining the classification of a particular installation.

Product Assessment

Cashco performed a conformity assessment and risk analysis of its pressure regulator and control valve models and their common options, with respect to the Essential Health and Safety Requirements in Annex II of the ATEX directive. The details of the assessment in terms of the individual Essential Health and Safety Requirements, are listed in Table 1. Table 2 lists all of the models and options that were evaluated and along with their evaluation.

Models and options not listed in Table 2 should be assumed to not have been evaluated and therefore should not be selected for use in a potentially explosive environment until they have been evaluated.

Standard default options for each listed model were evaluated even if they were not explicitly listed as a separate option in the table. Not all options listed in the tables are available to all models listed in the tables. Individual TB's must be referenced for actual options.

When specifying a regulator that is to be used in a potentially explosive environment one must review the evaluations in Table 1 and 2 for the specific model and each and every option that is being specified, in order to determine the complete assessment for the unit.

A summary of the models and options found to have an impact on ATEX assessment due to potential ignition sources or other concerns from the ATEX Essential Health and Safety Requirements, are listed below.

1. The plastic knob used as standard on some models, (P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P7, 3381, 4381, 1171, and 2171) is a potential ignition source due to static electricity. To demonstrate otherwise, the knob must be tested to determine if a transferred charge is below the acceptable values in IEC 60079-0 Section 26.14 (See items 25, 27, and 28 in Appendix A). Until the plastic knob has been shown to be acceptable, then either the metal knob option, or a preset outlet pressure option is required to eliminate this ignition source (See items 45 and 64 in Tables).

2. The pressure gauges offered as options on a few of the regulator models (DA’s, P1-7, D, 764, 521), use a plastic polycarbonate window that is a potential ignition source due to static electricity. To demonstrate that the gauges are not a potential source of ignition, the gauges would need to be tested to determine if a transferred charge is below
indicating the gauge is compliant with the ATEX Directive (See items 26, 27, and 28 in Appendix A). Until compliance is determined, regulators should not be ordered with pressure gauges for use in potentially explosive environments.

3. Tied diaphragm regulators with outlet ranges greater than 100 psig should be preset to minimize the risk that improper operation might lead to an outboard leak and a potentially explosive atmosphere (See item 6 in Table 1).

4. Regulators must be ordered with the non-relieving option (instead of the self-relieving option) if the process gas they are to be used with is hazardous (flammable, toxic, etc.). The self-relieving option vents process gas through the regulator cap directly into the atmosphere while the non-relieving option does not. Using regulator with the self-relieving option in a flammable gas system could create an explosive atmosphere in the vicinity of the regulator.

5. Regulators with customer supplied parts are to be assumed to not have been evaluated with regard to ATEX and thus are not to be used in a potentially explosive environment unless a documented evaluation for the specific customer supplied parts in question has been made. Refer to Table 1 for all models and options that have been evaluated.

Product Usage

A summary of ATEX related usage issues that were found in the assessment are listed below.

1. Pressure regulators and control valves must be grounded (earthed) to prevent static charge build-up due to the flowing media. The regulator can be grounded through any mounting holes on the body with metal to metal contact or the system piping can be grounded and electrical continuity verified through the body metal seal connections. Grounding of the regulator should follow the same requirements for the piping system. Also see item 30 in Table 1.

2. The system designer and users must take precautions to prevent rapid system pressurization which may raise surface temperatures of system components and tubing due to adiabatic compression of the system gas.

3. Heating systems installed by the user could possibly increase the surface temperature and must be evaluated by the user for compliance with the ATEX Directive. User installation of heating systems applied to the regulator body or system piping that affects the surface temperature of the pressure regulator is outside the scope of this declaration and is the responsibility of the user.

4. The Joule-Thomson effect may cause process gases to rise in temperature as they expand going through a regulator. This could raise the external surface temperature of the regulator body and downstream piping creating a potential source of ignition. Whether the Joule-Thomson effect leads to heating or cooling of the process gas depends on the process gas and the inlet and outlet pressures. The system designer is responsible for determining whether the process gas temperature may rise under any operating conditions. If a process gas temperature rise is possible under operating conditions, then the system designer must investigate whether the regulator body and downstream piping may increase in temperature enough to create a potential source of ignition.

The process gas expansion is typically modeled as a constant enthalpy throttling process for determining the temperature change. A Mollier diagram (Pressure – Enthalpy diagram with constant temperature, density, & entropy contours) or a Temperature – Entropy diagram with constant enthalpy lines, for the process gas, can be used to determine the temperature change. Helium and hydrogen are two gases that typically increase in temperature when expanding across a regulator. Other gases may increase in temperature at sufficiently high pressures.

Product Declaration

If the above issues are addressed by selecting options that do not have potential sources of ignition, avoiding options that have not been assessed, and by taking the proper usage issue precautions, then Cashco regulators can be considered to be a mechanical device that does not have its own source of ignition and thus falls outside the scope of the ATEX directive.