

GEMÜ Solenoid valves

EN

Operating instructions

General Information Document



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1 Background

As part of 3M's withdrawal from fluoropolymer production, replacement raw materials have been qualified for the manufacture of different PTFE elements for solenoid valves. No new code is being introduced. The solenoid valves are still available under the known seal codes.

2 Details of the change

1. The bellows that comes into contact with the process media is replaced with an equivalent alternative PTFE from renowned manufacturers.
2. The seat shut-off seal that comes into contact with the process media is replaced with an equivalent alternative PTFE from renowned manufacturers.
3. The designs, dimensions and other individual components, such as bodies or parts of the actuator, will remain unchanged.

3 Regulatory requirements

As part of an equivalency test, the solenoid valves have been tested with regard to their performance capability and properties. As the minimum requirement for equivalency has been met within the endurance tests and those of the approval process with the alternative materials have been successfully passed through again, all of the existing approvals and conformities will remain unchanged. As a result, the solenoid valves continue to meet all of the relevant regulatory requirements and can be used in the previous areas of application without any restrictions.

4 Endurance tests

The operating time of solenoid valves with alternative materials has been tested using endurance tests and compared with valves consisting of the previous PTFE individual components. The valves with the alternative material are installed by trained personnel. Leak testing in accordance with DIN EN 12266 is carried out before, after and during endurance tests. These tests are used to determine whether, and to what extent, the leak-tightness characteristics of the solenoid valves are reduced by the stresses of the endurance tests. The endurance tests result in artificial ageing due to the effects of mechanical and thermal stress as well as direct contact with corrosive media. Once the test valve has completed the specified test programme, it is removed and a final leak test is carried out. Following this, the test valve is disassembled and is analyzed for faults and abnormalities by valve experts.

The following tests were performed:

1. Endurance test under climactic influences
2. Leak-tightness testing (before, after and during endurance tests)
3. Endurance test under vacuum condition



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